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REDS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE

Cease-Fire For Suiyuan

Shanghai, January 25.
A cease-fire agreement for Suiyuan Province has been reached between General Fu Tsuyi and the Communist delegates in Peiping, according to Chinese reports from Peiping.

The agreement is expected to be signed as soon as General Tung Chin-wu, Governor of Suiyuan, arrives in Peiping. Reports also said that negotiations are proceeding in the ancient capital for a local cease-fire agreement for General Yen Hsi-shan's three-month besieged Shansi capital of Talyuan.—Reuter.

CAPITAL TO MOVE TO CANTON

Nanking, January 25.
The Legislative Yuan, at an emergency informal session today, tentatively decided to evacuate Nanking on January 29—China's New Year Day.

An official source said the Government is preparing to move to Canton "very soon," while various officials said they are under orders to leave Nanking "by tomorrow at the latest."

The belief is increasing that many segments of the Government are preparing to flee rather than attempt peace talks with the Communists.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen, however, is said to have decided to stay in Nanking whatever happens to await peace.

Another report says the Government is considering issuing a cease-fire order in three days.

Populace Panics
The staff of the Executive Yuan, except for a few high-ranking officials, has left Nanking. Most civil servants in the Food Ministry and two thirds of the staff of the Communications Ministry have dispersed to the South.

The Foreign Office is in disorder as workmen loaded archives and office equipment into motor vans.

Finance Ministry officials are leaving tomorrow.

The populace, fear-stricken, is clogging the streets in thousands, demanding railway tickets and space to the South. Trains are jammed and even movement afoot around the rail stations is next to impossible.—Reuter and Associated Press.

RAF AIRLIFT PLANE CRASH

Berlin, January 25.
Revised figures this morning gave eight people killed in the crash of a British airlift Dakota inside the Soviet zone last night.

Twenty-seven people were in the plane, and of these 17 have been rescued, injured.

Three children are among the rescued. The passengers are sick people and under-nourished children being flown out of Berlin to the British zone. Fourteen of them are women and five children.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) the Siberian anticyclone is gradually intensifying and continues to dominate China and the neighbouring seas with a ridge extending Eastwards across Central Japan into the Pacific. The small depression now centred between Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands has deepened a little and is moving ESE.

Today's Forecast: Moderate Easterly wind; fine, haze.
Yesterday's Weather:
Maximum 72.0 deg. Fah.
Minimum 52.0 deg. Fah.
Sunshine 0.9 hours.
Rainfall Nil. Total since Jan. 1—1.0 mm.—0.08 inch as against an average of 25.8 mm.—1.01 inch.

Peace Talks On Basis Of Eight Original Demands

COALITION WITHOUT KMT

Shanghai, January 25.
A Communist Radio broadcast today said that the Chinese Communists are willing to negotiate peace with the newly-appointed five-man Nationalist peace delegation on the basis of the original eight Communist demands.

The announcement was made by the Communist Party spokesman in a Chinese language broadcast from North Shensi Province.

The broadcast accepts the idea of a coalition government, but said that the Kuomintang—Government party of Nationalist China—will be barred.

The broadcast said that a new "democratic coalition government" will be created by the new Leftist-dominated "Political Consultative Council" now meeting at Shihchiachung, South of Peiping in Hopei Province. This council includes 55 Leftist leaders from Nationalist China and from Hong Kong.

The eight points on which the Communists are prepared to talk peace were enumerated by the Communist leader Mao Tse-tung, on January 15 in response to peace appeals from the Nationalist.

The eight points call for the punishment of Nationalist leaders described as "war criminals" by the Communists; abolition of the Nationalist Government and reorganisation of the Chinese army along "democratic" principles. The Communist announcement came as two top members of the five-man peace delegation, Mr. Shao Li-tze and General Chang Shao-chung, are in Shanghai in an effort to induce Democratic League leaders to join the Government's peace drive.

In an eagerly awaited reaction to the Communist peace offensive, the Communist Party spokesman said that the Nationalist abandonment of their original plea for a cease-fire prior to negotiations has cleared the way for the beginning of talks.

At Peiping
Peiping will be the scene of the conferences, the spokesman said. "As to the pace of negotiation, it must wait until after the whole of Peiping is totally liberated and we shall determine it."

**Yangtse Defences
Crumbling Fast**
Nanking, January 25.
Only Admiral Kwei Yung-ching's thin line of naval vessels is left to offer opposition to a Communist crossing of the Yangtze.

Already the Communists are in a position to menace river shipping with artillery. The Government's naval units, including several destroyers and escort vessels, are under orders to remain and open fire should the Reds attempt to cross before a peace agreement is reached. There appears to be nothing to stop the Reds and the fall of Pukow is almost certain. Pukow is opposite Nanking; at that point the Yangtze is only a mile and a half wide.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen is said to have ordered 50,000 troops personally loyal to him to move to the capital from the Hankow area.

The Government has ordered all river traffic to cease from tomorrow, while all Nationalist forces North of the Yangtze, except for one division which will try to hold Pukow, are being evacuated.

Pukow, Nationalist outpost six miles North of Nanking, fell to the Reds early today and the evacuating Nationalists are falling back on Pukow.

The plan is to try and prevent the Communists from shelling Nanking.

Along the South bank, Nationalist troops are hastily building sandbag emplacements ready for a Communist crossing.

Two miles North across the river, Communist troops are massing.

Meanwhile, in Canton, the Joint United States Military Advisory Group units today ceased operations and returned to Shanghai.

STOP PRESS
Nanking, January 25.
Advance units of Communist regular columns have rolled within five miles of Nanking, placing the Nationalist capital within Communist artillery range.

The units, of unknown strength, reached Huai-ching, rail terminus opposite Nanking.

The situation in Huai-ching is described as "obscure," usually a term signifying imminent Communist capture.—United Press.

Nanking, January 25.
The Foreign Office today notified the foreign Embassies that the seat of the Nationalist Government is moving Southward, presumably to Canton.—Associated Press.

The Brigade Remembers



A wreath was placed at a pill-box on Blue Pool Road at Wongnelohong Gap, by Colonel Sir James Bleiman, Chief Commissioner of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, yesterday. Nine Brigade personnel were honoured by the Japanese at the spot during the war.—China Mail photo. (Story Page 2)

Squatters' Camps To Be Set Up

As part of the evolution of a scheme for the clearance of squatter areas, one of the roof-top squatter colonies in the Wanchai district will be given warning today to move elsewhere after the Chinese New Year.

It was officially stated yesterday that accommodation for certain squatters cleared from their present sites under the new legislation has been provided in four camps, two on the Island at Shaukiwan and Mount Davis and two in Kowloon, at King's Park and at Lai-chikok.

In the camps, the squatters will be registered and required to build houses to a simple design, inexpensive but coming up to a fairly high health standard.

Precautions will be taken against fire, and a water supply and latrine accommodation will be provided. There will be a Sanitary Department Foreman and a Social Welfare worker resident in each camp.

Once an area has been cleared under the new legislation, it is to be kept free of squatters by means of a newly organised Squatter Patrol system.

By working these various measures together on a definite systematic line of approach, it is expected that the squatter problem will be gradually and satisfactorily met in a humane but firm manner.

By No Means Destitute
Those whose duties have brought them into close contact with squatters since the occupation, said the statement, have become increasingly aware of the fact that all squatters are by no means destitute.

The results of several small-scale surveys have shown that many of the squatters are employed in public utilities, factories and some of our largest firms, as well as Government service, and are making a definite contribution to the economy of the Colony.

The problem of squatters is, therefore, not simply one of removing undesirable, but involves itself into two parts—housing for genuine workers and their families who are forced to live as squatters because of the shortage and cost of proper accommodation, and the control of squatters who are genuine destitutes or engaged in criminal activity.

The Police are taking steady progressive action against criminal squatters with good results. The Social Welfare Office is doing its best to care for the destitute. The clearance of squatter settlements and the housing of the genuine working squatters remain as urgent problems—by no means forgotten.

Systematic Programme
A steady systematic programme for the control of squatters has been built up during recent months by a small Squatter Committee consisting of members of the Public Health (Sanitary) Provisional Regulations, 1948, and the evolution of a scheme for the clearance of squatter areas. (Continued on Page 14)

HK WILL BE DEFENDED AGAINST ALL ATTACKS

Outspoken Speech By Visiting MP

"We are determined to defend Hong Kong against any form of aggression, either from within or without. This is the unanimous view of all parties in the House of Commons."

This statement was made by Captain David Gammans, Conservative MP for Hornsey, in his reference to the pending Communist domination of China, at the Hong Kong Rotary Club weekly luncheon yesterday.

Captain Gammans, who is on a visit to the East, was giving a talk to Rotarians on the international situation.

He made a scathing attack on Russia and Russian penetration into democratic countries, and said an immediate showdown was the only solution. The present policy of drift was fraught with danger, and might lead to a repetition of the history of the last world war.

Cannot Escape
Before the last war people thought they could escape being involved in a war waged in another part of the world. This illusion had been shattered, and they knew now that if war was to come, we would all be in it. Inaction for any nation was an impossibility. That was why the question was of vital concern to people the world over today.

Russia had made it plain, both by word and by deed, that she would dominate the world, if she could. Within the three and a half years since the end of the war, she had dominated no less than 11 countries in Europe with a population of 200,000,000 people.

Captain Gammans went on to say that the Russians had made it clear that they could not tolerate any other way of life or line of thought than theirs. In other words, communism cannot exist side by side with any other ideology.

We had, however, been warned. We knew that Russia was up to, there had never been any illusion about it. She herself had never tried to conceal her purpose.

Also, the headquarters of the United Nations were in the United States, and as the biggest power in the world today, the United States had taken the blindest intrigue to conceal her purpose.

Greatest Event
The United States did not go isolationist after the war. This Captain Gammans considered to be the greatest event of the century. If she had isolated herself as after the first world war, Russia would have already dominated a much larger portion of the world by now.

What, then, is going to happen next? he asked. We had to get the idea out of our heads that we can appease Russia. We cannot appease anyone who does not want to be appeased.

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Elizabeth Has The Measles

London, January 25.
Princess Elizabeth has the measles. The 22-year-old heiress to the Throne is at Sandringham, the Royal country estate in Norfolk. With her are her infant son, Prince Charles, and other members of the Royal Family.

An announcement from Buckingham Palace said the attack of measles is taking an ordinary course. The diagnosis of measles was made this morning by Dr. J. N. B. Ansell, who is attending the Princess. She had been feeling ill for two days.—Associated Press.

**Reds Set
Up Their
Own ERP**

Moscow, January 25.
Russia and five Eastern European countries have established a council for mutual economic assistance because they refuse to submit to the Marshall Plan dictate.

This was disclosed in an official statement here today that representatives of Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, Russia and Czechoslovakia met this month in Moscow.

The Council, open to similar states, will meet periodically in the capitals of the six nations.

The countries taking part will exchange technical data, raw materials, foodstuffs, machinery and equipment through the Council.

Members will have the right of veto over any Council decisions which affect their own economy, the statement said. The Council will be open to any European country which shares the principles of the existing members.—Reuter.

Threat To Shipping Companies

"The shipping companies have received threatening letters," said Detective Inspector Cashman at Central yesterday when he prosecuted Wong Ping-shing with the possession of 387 detonators without permission from the police.

According to D.I. Cashman, a Chinese detective was on duty at the Douglas Wharf on January 14. The passengers were going aboard the ship lying alongside the wharf and defendant was among them.

The detective searched defendant and in his possession, some on his person and others in his baggage.

The detonators are of a commercial type, continued Inspector Cashman, but they can be very dangerous and as a safety precaution I cannot produce them in court. I am sure the improper storage of the detonators would have serious consequences; a slight friction would result in an explosion.

Defendant was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

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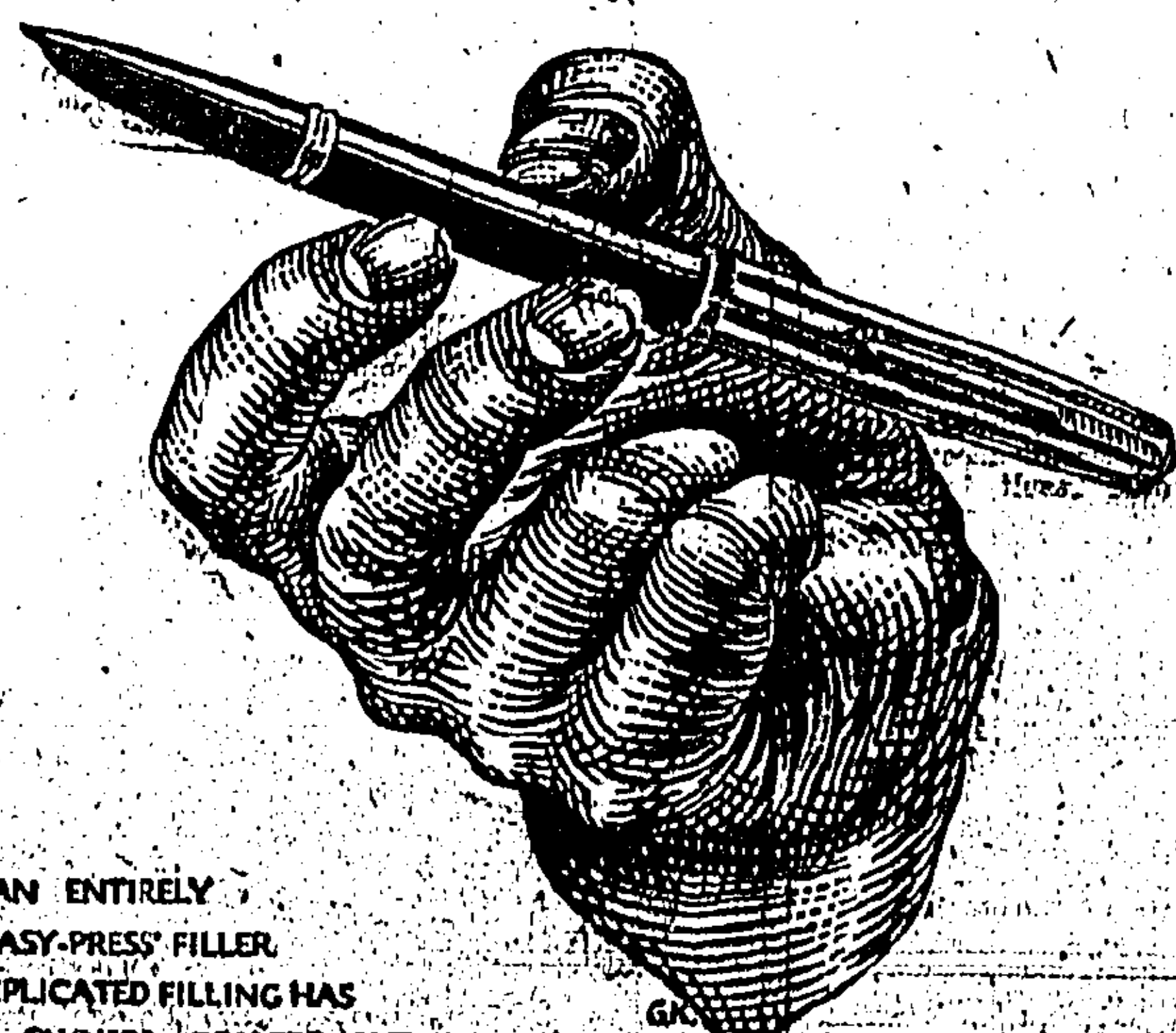
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When the Japanese attackers captured the post from the defenders, these 10 workers were among the first to be killed.

The tenth man made a break for it by jumping down a ravine, escaped, and is today somewhere in China.

The nine who lost their lives in the cause of duty to humanity were: District Superintendent Chan Ping-kwong and privates Chan Lai-chung, Li Chai-wai, Leung Kwok-wah, Chan Chung, Yuo Yeo-cheuk, Lui Shing, Ng Wing-chiu and Leung Kwai-fong.

In memory of their gallant action and devotion to duty, a wreath was yesterday placed against the concrete structure which was once the dead men's first-aid post.

The wreath-laying ceremony was performed by Colonel Sir James Slegman, Chief Commissioner of St. John Brigade, who was accompanied by Hong Kong Commissioner Mr. A. J. Arcull, Divisional Surgeon Dr. Arthur Woe, Corps Officer Lam Wing-keam, Divisional Superintendent Chan Oni, Mrs. Holmes Brown, Ladies Corps Superintendent, and Miss Lois Fearon.

Mother Of
Five Gets
Leniency

A revision of the sentence on a woman, Kwok Yuh-lan, for possession of arms and ammunition was heard before Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro at Central yesterday.

In making the application, Mr. F. D. Hammond said that Kwok was sentenced to 24 months' imprisonment on January 15. She is the mother of five children, and was deprived of her two youngest.

Giving his decision, Mr. d'Almada said: "At the previous hearing, the fact that defendant had five children was made known to me, but I had failed to note their ages, and I do feel, had I noted their ages either in writing or mentally, the sentence would not have been so severe."

"In view of the facts presented to me, I feel that a fine of \$1,000 and nine months' fine from January 15 would not be unduly hard. If there was non-payment of the fine, defendant would serve 12 months as from January 15, and the original sentence is reversed."

Scotsmen gathered at the Hong Kong Hotel "Roof Garden" last night to celebrate Burns Night.

The occasion was accompanied by all the traditional ceremonies. Mr. H. C. Watson piped the party in to dinner. Mr. G. A. Stewart piped in the haggis, and Mr. R. W. A. MacKichan the barley bree.

Supporting the Chief, Dr. J. W. Anderson, at the official table were Messrs. J. B. Griffin, Dr. W. MacIntosh, H. C. Watson, A. E. Lissaman, D. S. Robb, P. S. Cassidy, D. J. Gilmore, J. Finnie, J. F. MacGregor, C. Blaker, W. A. S. Stewart, H. H. Mundy, A. S. Adamson, J. R. Jones, B. Mellor, Professor R. K. M. Simpson and Professor R. Robertson.

Proposing the toast of the Immortal Memory, Dr. Anderson said Robert Burns, whose genius of humour was as keen as his family and yet at times so merciless in satire, must have smiled somewhat bafflingly in his heavenly niche if he read, as we had the other day, that some 60,000 copies of his works had been released in Soviet Russia.

"If only the statement of that unhappy country could absorb the Burns philosophy, how different would read the proceedings of the United Nations," said Dr. Anderson.

Confined To Taverns

In a review of Burns' life and his works, Dr. Anderson said in those days whisky was not yet quite respectable in the home, and was confined as a rule to taverns, masquerading as the like. Burns' drinking was then the rule, and food was washed down with good ale. On the tables of those who could afford them, claret, port and brandy were obtainable.

"The people of Burns day must, I think, have been impressed by propaganda about disease being carried by water," said Dr. Anderson.

"There is so far as I am aware, no hint in Burns' writings and evidence that during his life-time he or his friends partook of water as a beverage, nor milk either."

"At the time it was hard work and long days, relieved only by the Sabbath break when the women folk carried their unaccustomed stockings and shoes to church, putting them on at some convenient hour where they could wash their feet beforehand."

"Holidays were few, but markets, fairs and trysts gave opportunity of meeting new faces and an occasional celebration."

"Singing, fiddling, dancing or strathspeys and reels would enliven the evening hours as the older folk eye the women too, enjoyed their smoke and snuff."

"In the wider sphere, hanging for stealing was still in vogue. Women were whipped through the streets for theft. Taxation was beginning to be complained of by some as loudly as by Burns himself."

"What was the secret of this remarkable man?" asked Dr. Anderson.

"Was he a pure genius transcending all lesser clay of his time? Or was he merely the cleverest of his time?"

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GOVERNMENT
DRIVER

Li Kam, 27-year-old, a Government driver, was fined \$150, with his licence to be endorsed, by Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday on the charge of careless driving.

Inspector F. Roberts said that defendant, whose vehicle was behind a lorry-bus 501 on the morning of January 24, was unable to stop his van when the bus stopped at Chin Lung Tsau on the Castle Peak Road, to pick up passengers.

His lorry ran into the rear of the bus and "bounced" back 12 feet, damaging the rear of the bus and the front of the van. Damage sustained by the Government vehicle is estimated at \$250, and that by the bus at \$80.

Defendant, said Inspector Roberts, is drawing a monthly salary of \$180 to \$184, depending on the HCL allowance for the month.

MAGISTRATE'S REMARKS
ON HOUSEBREAKING

"I regard these burglary and housebreaking charges very seriously indeed," said Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday before passing sentences totalling three years' penal servitude on Ng Yiu, aged 22, and Wong Ming, aged 27, on two counts of housebreaking and one of burglary.

Defendants were charged by Detective Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall with breaking into 8 Parkes Street, third floor, on January 15 and stealing clothing and money, to the total value of \$2,748.50 from Thomas Soong, and clothing valued at \$520 from Gary Tan.

Housebreaking at 610 Canton Road, second floor, on January 12, when defendants stole property, including a mattress valued at \$60 from Ng Yip-lau.

Defendants were further charged with burglary at 149 Tung Choi Street, third floor, on January 2, and stealing clothing and two gold rings, valued at \$195, from Au Kiu.

DSI Wall said that on the afternoon of January 15 defendants entered 8 Parkes Street, third floor, while the occupants were out and stole money and clothing.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall was walking along Bowring Street, soon after the robbery, when he was stopped by Detective Wan Cheung who, being suspicious of his behaviour and the parcel he was carrying, stopped him to search him.

Being unable to give a satisfactory explanation of how he came into possession of the three pairs of trousers and waistcoat contained in the parcel, Wong was taken back to Yauwatt Police Station where DSI Wall found the name "Tommy Soong" marked on the trousers.

When the police that he was given the clothing by a friend to bring to Tsimshatsui, he was sent out with a detective to try and locate the friend, but failed to find him.

Later that same evening, Tan called at the station to report the robbery and there recognised the clothing as those of his friend, Soong.

In the course of inquiries, Ng Yiu was arrested early next morning as he was about to board the train for Canton, at the Tsimshatsui terminus. On him was found US\$23, which he admitted was part of the US\$400 stolen from Parkes Street.

Property Recovered
Defendants then brought the notice to three newspapers, and to a house at Shamshuipo, where all the stolen property, with the exception of the money, were recovered.

Referring to the second count, DSI Wall said that defendants went up to the premises, knocked at the door to make sure that the occupants were out, broke in, and stole the property valued at three charges, \$12, \$12, and \$10 worth, including a pocket watch, was recovered.

Between 3 and 6 a.m. on January 2, while the occupants were asleep, second accused broke open the door of 149 Tung Choi Street, third floor, and first defendant entered the premises and stole the clothing and the gold rings.

They then entered the room to the roof where they picked out the valuable pieces and left the remainder. Nothing was recovered.

First defendant, said DSI Wall, "is a regular bad character" and was convicted in March, 1946 for housebreaking and again in August, 1947, for possession of arms and ammunition and returning from banishment. Criminal proceedings will be taken against this accused on the charge of returning from banishment.

Second accused was convicted on July 27, 1949, for burglary.

Chinese Army
Privates Fined
When Lau Fong-chung, aged 21, a private in the Chinese army, was brought to the Tsimshatsui Police Station to be charged, with another soldier, 25-year-old Wong Fung-sang, with failing to pay his train fare, he called constable 1176 "Chau Kau" (running dog).

He was brought before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday charged with evading payment of train fare and using abusive language. His companion was charged on the first count only.

According to Inspector J. Orom, both men arrived at 7.30 p.m. from Canton. On being asked to produce their tickets they were unable to do so. At the police station the first defendant called constable 1176 a "Chau Kau". Lau was fined a total of \$40 or two weeks' imprisonment, and Wong, \$20 or a week.

Unaware
Of Local
Arms Rule

When Mok B. Wing, 25-year-old American-Chinese waiter, was about to leave New York for Hong Kong, he was given two 38 Colt revolvers and 780 rounds of .38 ammunition to bring back to Tol Shan for a friend. Not knowing the Hong Kong regulations governing the possession of arms and ammunition, he obliged.

That was the story he told Detective Sub-Inspector A. Nicol, when he was questioned at the Tsimshatsui Police Station on the morning of January 23.

When Mok was charged before Mr. A. D. Scholes at Kowloon yesterday, DSI Nicol said that Mok brought his luggage to the Kowloon-Canton Railway Station at 8.45 a.m. on Sunday to be searched by the Chinese Customs officer.

He was asked by CMC officer Lin Tse-hui whether he had anything to declare, and replied in the negative. On his luggage being searched, the arms and ammunition were found in a cabin trunk. He was then handed over to Revenue Officer Lam and brought to the police station.

DSI Nicol informed the court that all ships' officers invariably notify the passengers that they must declare any dutiable articles and arms and ammunition before the ship arrives at Hong Kong.

Defendant was fined \$500, and the arms and ammunition ordered to be confiscated.

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New York, January 25.

The belief of Shanghai merchants that they can carry on as usual under the Communists is not justified by events, says an editorial in the Scripps-Howard papers today.

The article says that Mao Tse-tung, the Communist leader, has been a successful revolutionary and civil war leader, and has announced his support of the Russians and his antipathy towards the United States.

The editorial says: "But what can Russia give China? Half of her rationed food supply is being supplied by American grain. American cotton, also from ECA, is all that is keeping Shanghai's great textile industry from collapsing."

Most of the country's industrial production is supplied by American and British technicians.

"Will the Soviet Union supply these deficiencies under the new regime? That has not happened in the case of Russia's European satellites, as Marshal Tito can testify."

"China's needs are infinitely greater than those of all the Balkan states together. The Japanese arms the Soviets gave the Communist armies will not rebuild China's shattered economy."

"On the other hand, does Shanghai's business community expect the United States to underwrite the Communist adventure—so that Communism can be extended to Malaya, Indo-China, Siam and the Philippines?"

Defeat For U.S.

A New York Times editorial says one thing clear in the present Chinese situation is that the United States has met defeat at the hands of the Soviet Union. It is argued that Japan dismembered China, and now faces the prospect of it coming under Soviet domination.

The editorial says while there is hope in the fact that China has "digested" other conquerors and some slim chance that Mao Tse-tung may become a Chinese Tito, it was Lenin who said that the Communist conquest of Europe may come through Asia.

The strategic implications of the Communist advance in China

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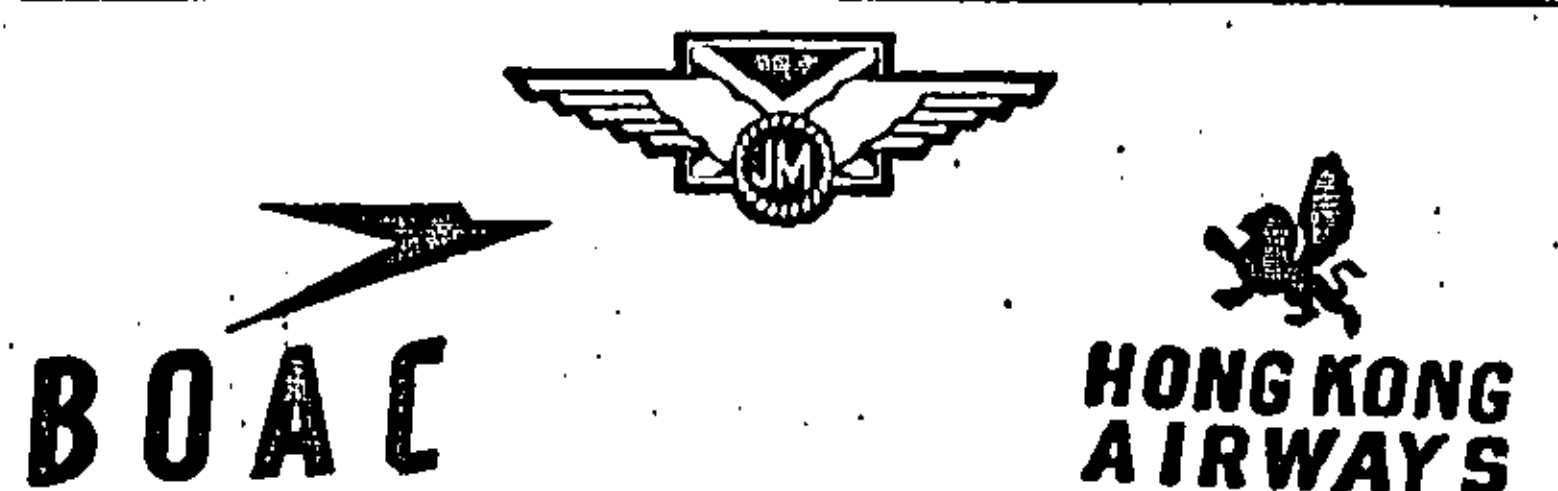


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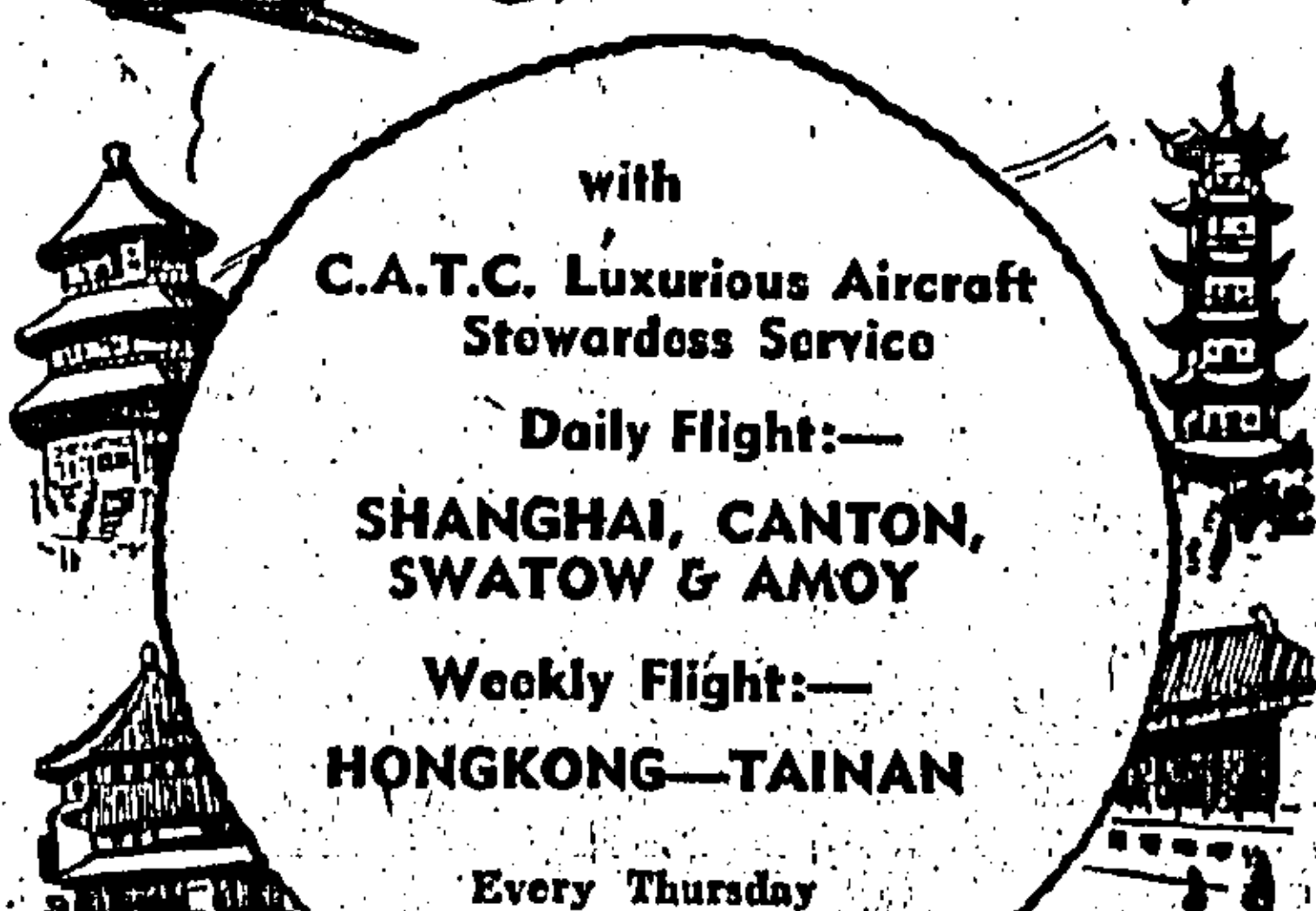
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THE COMMONWEALTH.

During 1949 India may decide its future relation with the Commonwealth. The Commonwealth is in one of its periods of evolution. So also is the ideology of Congress. In the past Congress has stood for sovereign independence. It is for a republic. It has always recommended that India should hold aloof from blocks of Great Powers and should be a mediator between them. Though it has shared in the disillusionment about Russia, it probably hopes that India can remain neutral in a war between Russia and the West. It stands for racial equality, and it finds it hard, therefore, that India should be a brother Dominion of South Africa. Pakistan also is having doubts about continuing in the Commonwealth. It began with an almost extravagant attachment to it. But now it is asking what it gets out of its membership. It was disappointed because the rest of the Commonwealth did not respond to its appeal during the Punjab disturbances which followed partition. And it asks what is the good of belonging to the Commonwealth if its membership does not bring more concrete benefits than there have been up to the present.

In the United Kingdom there is less public interest than in India in the decisions which have to be made. This is surprising, since the two Dominions, with their population of four hundred million, are by far the largest part of the Commonwealth. Yet the apathy is understandable. The Commonwealth is so loosely organised that a relaxation of its formal ties does not mean disaster. It is no more than a group of nations with political ideas and institutions more or less in common. It has no organs of central government. The outside world is puzzled when repeatedly in the United Nations one member of the Commonwealth votes one way and one the other. Yet the association, loose as it is, is a reality. The fact of this association is not shattered when one of the partners loosens its formal ties with the others. As long as there is a certain likemindedness the nations at present in the Commonwealth will continue to co-operate in all the fundamental issues of world affairs, whether or not they are formally bound together. The Commonwealth would be less harmed by the secession of one of its members than by its adopting ideals and ways of political life opposed to those of the others and nevertheless remaining in the Commonwealth. The tie which holds Great Britain and India together is the liberal ideal of the new Indian governing class. Since India and Pakistan became independent every month has given proof of the basic attachment of the new Governments to the same ideals as the rest of the Commonwealth.

Great Britain need not be disturbed at the decisions to be made by India and Pakistan. Naturally it would be gratified if both Dominions could find ways of continuing in the Commonwealth. In a dangerous world the more unity among the liberal-minded Governments the better. The Commonwealth, like the phoenix, renews itself periodically. Its next phase, if India remains a member, may be as an Indo-British Commonwealth reducing the danger of a clash between East and West. In partnership India and Great Britain

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH INSTALMENT

CRUSADE IN EUROPE

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's Own Story Of The War In Europe



I was at dinner in my Reims headquarters with the corps and division commanders of the American airborne forces when Bradley's call came through. When he reported that we had a permanent bridge across the Rhine I could scarcely believe my ears. He and I had frequently discussed such a development as a remote possibility but never as a well-founded hope.

I fairly shouted into the telephone: "How much have you got in that vicinity that you can throw across the river?"

He said, "I have more than four divisions but I called you to make sure that pushing them over would not interfere with your plans."

I replied, "Well, I expected to have that many divisions tied up around Cologne and now those are free. Go ahead and shove over at least five divisions instantly, and anything else that is necessary to make certain of our hold."

His answer came over the phone with a distinct tone of awe: "That's exactly what I wanted to do but the question had been raised here about conflict with your plans, and I wanted to check with you."

That was one of my happy moments of the war. Broad success in war is usually foreseen by days or weeks, with the result that when it actually arrives higher commanders and staffs have discounted it and are immersed in plans for the future. This was completely unforeseen. We were across the Rhine, on a permanent bridge; the traditional defensive barrier to the heart of Germany was pierced. The final defeat of the enemy, which we had long calculated more than accomplished in the spring and summer campaigning of 1945, was suddenly now, in our minds, just around the corner.

My guests at the dinner table were infected by my enthusiasm. Among them were veterans of successful aerial jumps against the enemy and of hard fighting in every kind of situation. They were unanimous in their happy predictions of an early end to the war. I am sure that from that moment every one of them went into battle with the elan that comes from the joyous certainty of smashing victory.

By March 9 the First Army had enlarged the Remagen bridgehead area until it was more than three miles deep. It took the enemy a considerable time to recover from his initial surprise and confusion, and by the time he could bring up reinforcements against our bridgehead troops we were too strong to fear defeat. As usual the enemy attacked piecemeal with every unit as soon as it could arrive in the area but such feeble tactics were unable to combat our steady enlargement of the hold we had on his vitals.

From the day we crossed the river the enemy initiated desperate efforts to destroy the Ludendorff Bridge. Long-range artillery opened fire on it and the German Air Force concentrated every available plane for bombing attacks upon the structure. None of these was immediately successful and we continued to pour troops across the bridge, but at the same time we established floating Treadway bridges.

The Treadway bridge was one of our fine pieces of equipment capable of sustaining heavy military loads. It was comparatively easy to transport and was quickly installed. After General Collins and his VII Corps crossed the Rhine he was of course concerned with getting his floating bridges established as quickly as possible. He called in his corps engineer, Colonel Mason J. Young, and said, "Young, believe you can put a bridge across this river in twelve hours. What kind of a prize do you want me to give you for doing it in less time than that?" Young reflected a second and then said, "I don't want any-

thing but if you can promise a couple of cases of champagne to my men we shall certainly try to win them." "All right," said Collins, "I'll get the champagne if you get me a bridge in less than twelve hours."

In ten hours and eleven minutes the 330-yard bridge was completed and the first load crossed the river. Collins and I, as well as their headquarters, joined up along the Rhine. They surrounded entire combat units of the enemy.

The stunning victories by the First and Third Armies completed the second step in the planned destruction of the German forces West of the Rhine. There now remained only the great hostile garrison in the Saar Basin. These troops were situated in a huge triangle that had its base along the Rhine, with the two sides meeting in a point 75 miles to the West. The Northern leg of this triangle was protected by the Moselle River and the Southern by some of the strongest sections of the Siegfried Line. In retrospect it is difficult to understand why the German, as he saw his armies

part of the German commanders and staffs. When free to act, they had proved their capacity too often for me to believe that the failure to pull back their exposed troops was a military decision—it was more of Hitler's intuition in action!

During the first two acts of the month-long drama West of the Rhine, I required Devers' army group, except for the reduction of the Colmar pocket, to remain essentially on the defensive. In the meantime we had built up his American Seventh Army, under General Patch, to the unusual strength of fourteen divisions, not including one French division, the 3rd Algerian. The stage was set for the third act.

At the nose of the triangular salient and at its Northern base, Devers was ready to crush in its Southern side.

The plan called for the American Seventh Army to launch a powerful assault in the direction of Worms. It was to penetrate the Siegfried Line and secure a bridgehead over the Rhine. Bradley was to launch an attack on the lower reaches of the Moselle so as to thrust deep into the rear of the forces facing the Seventh Army. Thus we expected by converging attacks to cut off the German forces and prevent their retreat across the Rhine. At the same time that these two attacks were launched at the base of the salient, the right flank of the Third Army.

The attack began March 15. The Southern and Western attacks met stiff opposition in the enemy's strong defenses but made good progress, so much so that the entire German attention seemed centered on these two great attacks. The XII Corps across the lower Moselle, very effective, the corps began crossing the river March 14 and during the entire operation never met heavy and organized resistance. This may have been because the Germans expected the corps to push Northward down the Rhine, to join the forces East of the river in the Remagen bridgehead. In any event the Germans were completely surprised when XII Corps leaped straight Southward in one of the war's most dramatic advances, to strike deeply into the heart of the Saar defenses.

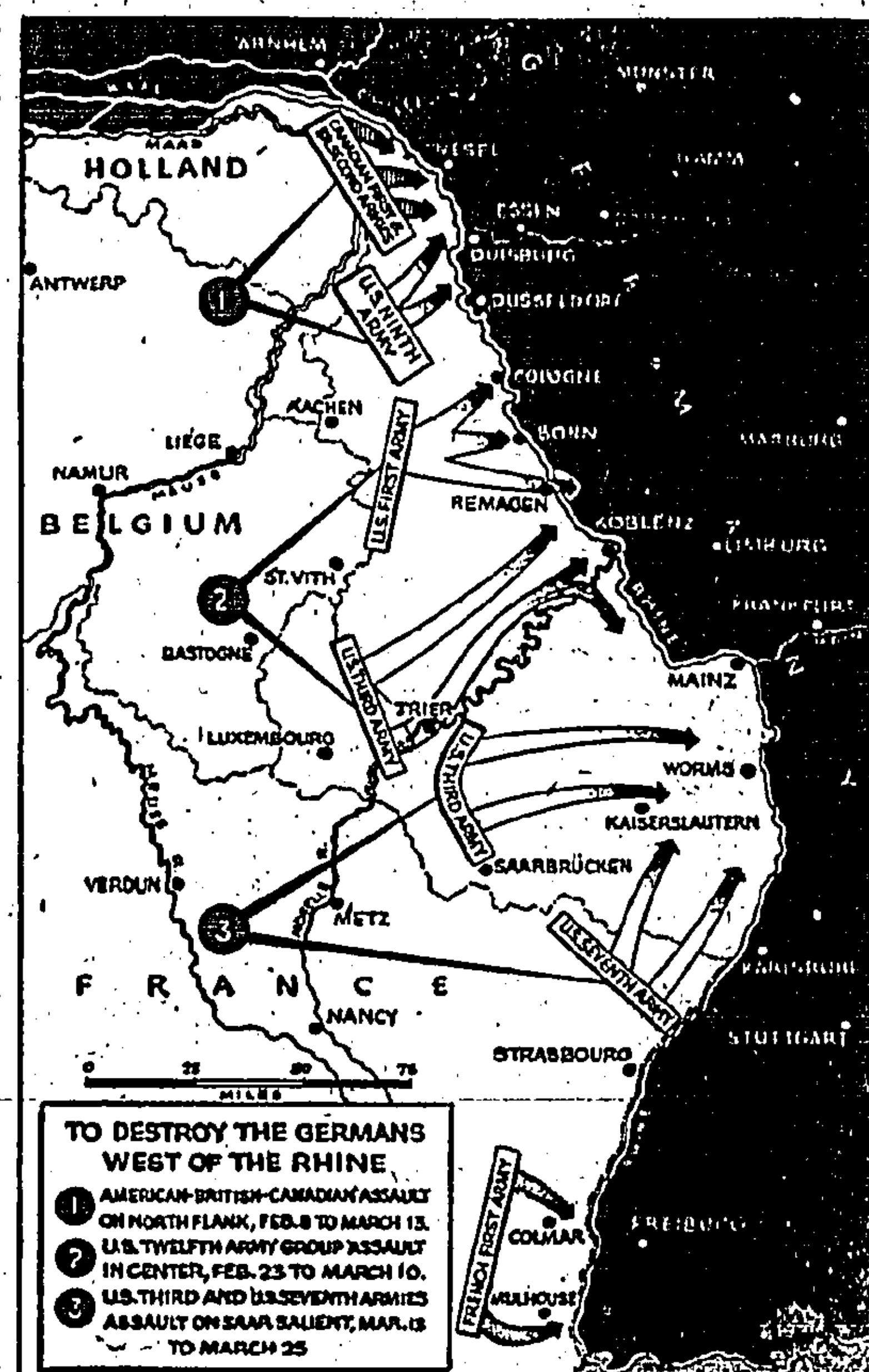
The enemy position quickly became hopeless. All around the perimeter of the salient the Americans battered their way forward while Eddy's XII Corps effectively blocked almost every possible avenue of escape. Patton did not even pause when his forces reached the Rhine, but threw General Stafford Le R. Irwin's 5th Division across the river without formal preparation of any kind. Irwin's losses were negligible and on March 23 his division was well established in this second Allied bridgehead.

Mopping up in the Saar was speedily accomplished and by March 25 all organized resistance West of the Rhine had ended. All these operations were carried out in the now familiar pattern of air-ground partnership. Our powerful air force ranged far and wide and attacked important targets en masse, almost paralyzing the German power to maneuver and destroying quantities of vital supplies and equipment. While the weather was not ideal for air operations, it was never sufficiently bad to ground the air force completely.

On Washington's Birthday the Allied air forces had staged an operation on such a vast scale as to be almost unique, even in an area where battle-front sorties had sometimes run as high as well over 10,000 in a single day. The operation was called Clarion and its purpose was to deliver one gigantic blow against the transportation system of Germany.

During the month-long campaign our captures of German prisoners averaged 10,000 per day. This meant that the equivalent of twenty full divisions had been subtracted from the German Army, entirely aside from normal casualties in killed and wounded. The enemy suffered great losses in equipment and supplies, and in important areas of manufacture and sources of raw materials.

To Be Continued



TO DESTROY THE GERMANS WEST OF THE RHINE

1. AMERICAN-BRITISH-CANADIAN ASSAULT ON WESTERN FRONT, FEB. 2 TO MARCH 13.
2. U.S. TWELFTH ARMY GROUP ASSAULT IN CENTRE, FEB. 23 TO MARCH 10.
3. U.S. THIRD AND SEVENTH ARMIES ASSAULT ON SAAR SALIENT, MARCH 15 TO MARCH 25.

North of the Moselle" underwent complete collapse and destruction, failed to initiate a rapid withdrawal of his forces in the Saar Basin, in order to remove them from their exposed position and employ them for defense of the Rhine.

More than once in prior campaigns we had witnessed similar examples of what appeared to us sheer tactical stupidity. I personally believed that the cause was to be found in the conqueror's complex: the fear that to give up a single foot of ravaged territory would be to expose the rotten foundation on which was built the myth of invincibility. Some of my staff thought that in the Saar the Germans were influenced to stand where they were by their faith in the defensive strength of the Moselle and the Siegfried Line. In addition the enemy was probably ignorant of the strength of the Seventh Army lying to the South of the Saar salient.

Such reasons as these would imply a woeful stupidity on the

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Envoy To Britain Recalled

London, January 25. The Soviet Ambassador to Britain, Georgi N. Zarubin, has been recalled to Moscow for high level talks, an official Russian Embassy source said today.

The source declined to say what Zarubin will discuss. Diplomats in a position to know, however, said he will talk principally about the Big Four Austrian peace treaty conference due to begin here on or about February 7.

These informants said he will also discuss Anglo-Soviet trade.

Zarubin presumably will represent Russia at the Austrian conference.

The Ambassador has a leading role in negotiations for a big-scale long-term Anglo-Soviet trade agreement. He is due back in London during the first week in February.

Meanwhile, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, made an appointment to see the Austrian Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Adolph Schnerf, here on a visit as a guest of the British Labour Party.

Mr. Schnerf and Mr. Bevin will almost certainly discuss next month's London bid to complete the long-rumored Big Four Austrian peace treaty talks. Associated Press.

Word Of Advice To The Colonies

London, January 24. Mr. Arthur Crook Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a foreword to the first issue of "Corona," journal of the Colonial Service, urges Colonial territories to be prepared against outside influence.

Rangoon Talks On Burma Rice

Rangoon, January 24. Burmese, British and Indian food representatives met in Rangoon today for talks on the 1949 price for Burma rice. The price of Burma rice was £38 a ton (free on board) in 1948. The Burmese Government wants the 1949 price lifted to above £40 a ton. Air Commodore E. L. Ridley and Mr. L. E. Wintersgill represent British interests, and Mr. N. K. Bhojani represents India at the talks. The Minister of Agriculture, Thakin Tin, heads the Burmese team. Burma's rice export quota for the first half of the current year is 800,000 tons. Of this, 261,000 tons has been allotted to India. —Reuter.

PACIFIC QUAKE

Pasadena, January 25. A fairly strong earthquake 5,250 miles South West of here was recorded at the California Institute of Technology at 6:27 a.m. GMT on Monday. It is believed to have been centered in the Tonga Islands in the South West Pacific. Associated Press.

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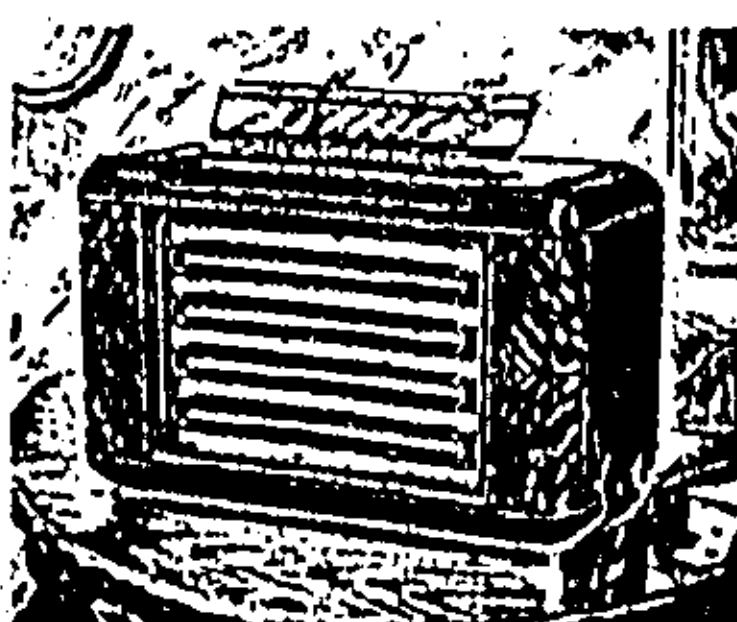
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Danger Of Anti-Semitism

Richmond, Virginia, January 24. Kermit Roosevelt, grandson of the late President Theodore Roosevelt, said here last night that Israel's attitude in identifying itself with all the Jews in the world causes greater danger of anti-Semitism than this country has yet seen. Mr. Roosevelt told the Richmond Chapter of the Council of the Jewish Anti-Zionist Organization that Americans should keep an even temper and level heads on the Palestine situation. —Reuter.

Election Victory For Yoshida

Tokyo, January 24. The Japanese Premier, Mr. Yoshida's Democratic Liberal Party (Conservative) had tonight won the Japanese general elections to the Lower House with a clear-cut majority, gaining 282 of the 466 seats.

The final results: Democratic Liberals 282; Democrats 70; Socialists 42; Communists 36; Peasants' Co-operatives 13; minor parties and independents 30.

General Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, commenting on the results, said: "Peoples of the free world everywhere can take satisfaction in this enthusiastic and orderly Japanese election which at a critical moment in Asiatic history has given so clear and decisive a mandate for the conservative philosophy of Government." —Reuter.

ZIONISM AND WORLD JEWRY

New York, January 25. The National Executive Committee of the Zionist Organization of America today announced the appointment of a Commission to study the relationship of Zionism to the World Jewish community as a whole and to the Government of the people of Israel.

A second object will be to study the future programme and situation of the world Zionist organization. The Commission will present its proposals to the next world Zionist Congress, planned to hold in Israel in the late summer. Associated Press.

SETBACK FOR DE GAULLE

Grenoble, January 25. General Charles de Gaulle's Rightist followers suffered a serious setback and the Communists registered a gain in municipal elections here.

Final returns in Sunday's election show that de Gaulle's Rally of the French People lost two or three Municipal Council seats although it polled about 200 more in popular votes than in 1947. The Communists, running about 4,000 ahead of their 1947 total vote, gained one or two seats in the Council. Associated Press.

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Nordic Countries' Talks On Defence

Copenhagen, January 24. The three Scandinavian nations have made a firm decision to defend their freedom, their independence and their democracy against aggression with all means available. This announcement was made tonight by the meeting of the Prime Ministers, Foreign and Defence Ministers of Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

With this purpose they have already made important sacrifice and will continue to do so, the statement added.

"Under certain circumstances it may be possible to reach a mutual, binding but free Scandinavian defence union as a regional security agreement within the framework of the United Nations.

"This agreement could include mutual co-ordination of defence plans and military forces and the production of military material in the three countries, and build military solidarity in Scandinavia.

"It must be made clear that countries participating in the Scandinavian defence union will be able to procure materials necessary for the building and maintenance of their defence.

The discussions have made it clear that there is "a difference of interpretation" about the terms for and the consequences of such an alliance.

Another Meeting

"The delegations of these countries will meet in Oslo on January 29 with the same participants as in Copenhagen. The Scandinavian countries' Ambassadors in London, Moscow, Paris and Washington will be present."

London diplomatic observers believe that the statement means that Norway and Danish participation in the Atlantic Pact is assured.

They interpret the announcement as implying the following conclusions:

1.—That the Scandinavian powers failed to endorse the Swedish proposals for a Scandinavian defence alliance, tentatively adopted at the recent Karlskrona meeting under which Sweden offered full military defence guarantees to her two neighbours if they did not join the Atlantic Pact.

2.—That the Ambassadors of Norway and Denmark in London and Washington will be instructed at the three-power meeting in Oslo on January to answer positively the British and American soundings on their participation in an Atlantic Union. —Reuter.

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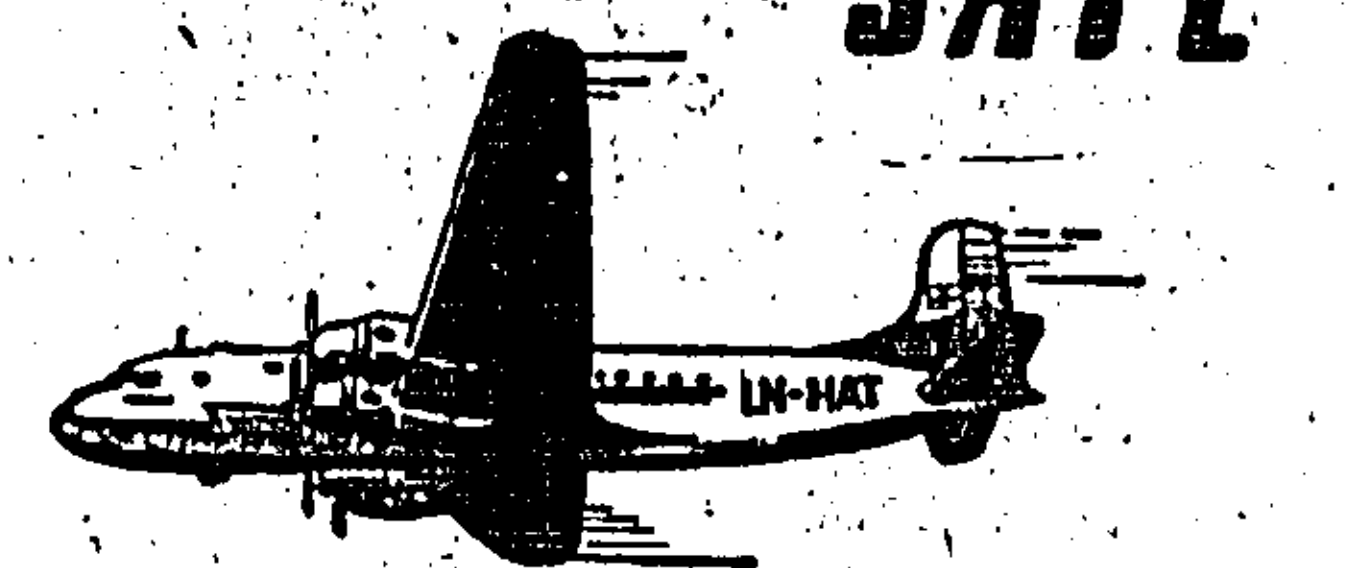
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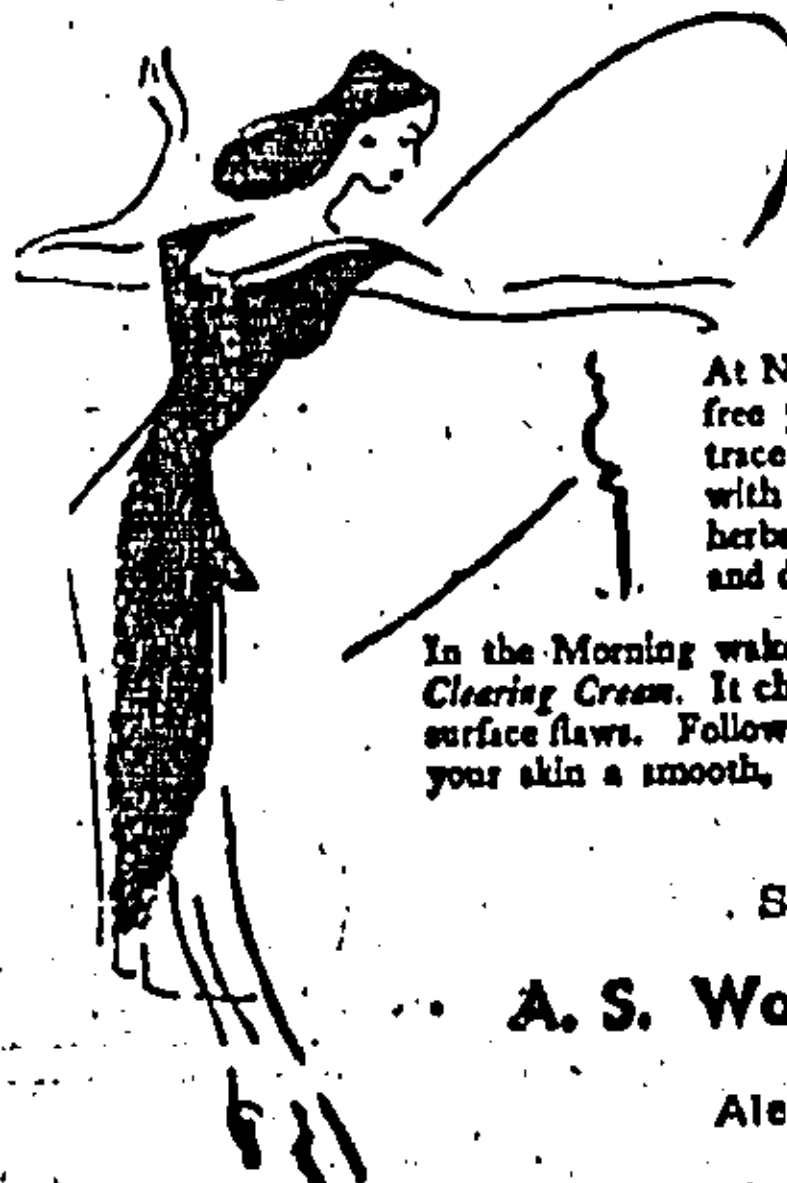
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Woman Today

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don and Paris, under a vow of
secrecy down to the most junior
seamstress, is desperate last-
minute activity. All in pre-
paration for the spring show-
ings of newest styles for 1949.

While we're waiting, this de-
partment thought it would be fun
to see how far we can predict the
main points of future fashions
that are being cooked up for us.
Why not cut this out? Then
you can see if our crystal ball
was very clouded.

We predict: YOUR HAIR
will be shorter than ever, in what
we have named a "Chrysanthemum
cut" (looks sort of blown for-
ward).

So YOUR HATS will be small.
Surely feathers and flowers are
out, so we go for gay ribbon trim-
mings in taffetas and shot silks.
We expect more trimming at the
back of hats to cover the bare
neck-line.

YOUR SHOULDERS will slope
as much as nature will allow,
which will be counteracted by lots
of little capes on dresses and coats.

YOUR WAISTLINE will
always start high, and some-
times go low as well (a tricky line
if you have hips).

We think YOUR SKIRTS will
be narrow and light-looking, but
made to wrap over to allow you
to walk and sit down! Fullness,
if any, all in one place.

ON SHOES, The heels will be
high and slender (we don't expect
to be bothered any more with
those booties that didn't catch
on buckles). Decorated by slanting straps
or buckles.

FOR COLOURS we predict a lot
of pastels, bluey-greens, and

secondary colours. We think the
primary reds and clear greens
won't be much in evidence.

FOR TRIMMINGS? Scattered
sequins—even on hats—and small
bright ornaments. And buttons,
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Severe Suits --- Frivolous Hats

London's reputation for good
fashions is built upon the excel-
lence of the work of her tailors.
A woman who has had a suit made

by a first-class London house
knows that the craftsmanship
which has been put into even the
making of those impeccable,
beautifully fashioned lapels has
centuries of the tradition of fine
work behind it.

It is acknowledged that London
tailors are conservative, but only
in so far as they refuse to acknow-
ledge anything less than the best.
Indeed, a client may even find that
the suit is not her own until the
master craftsman, responsible for
it, is satisfied that it fulfils his
own high demands.

A good example of London work
is a smooth black suit by Matita,
worn with a high-buttoned gilet in
small check. In this outfit the
only extravagance—if you call it
so—is the hat. The suit itself is
a masterpiece of understatement.

A Frederick Starke suit in crisp
black-and-white check, on the
other hand, shows more softness,
with its rolling revers, rounded
shoulders, and three-button fasten-
ing from waist line to hem.

It is interesting to note that with
this suit the model has chosen to
wear a long necklace of pearl

beads wound several times round
her neck and finally tied in a knot
with the loop hanging, while the
severe lines of her hat are soften-
ed by a mass of well round, the
crowns and on the brim. It shows
that when a fairly severe suit is
worn with a rather frivolous hat
the effect has a piquancy which
will appeal to most women.

Honey And Egg Magic

Honey, used alone or mixed
with other ingredients, is being
used for face treatment: the
honey causes a pull which
stimulates circulation and
brings lively colour to the com-
plexion.

An egg and honey facial is more
complicated, but it can be varied
to suit any complexion.

For coarse, dry skin use two
heaping tablespoonsful of almond
meal, one tablespoonful of 17 vol.

peroxide, one egg and witch hazel
as required.

To prepare the mask: Separate
the egg, using the whole yolk and
half the white, and add the almond
meal, peroxide, and enough of the
witch hazel to make a paste the
consistency of thick gravy.

Apply after cleansing the skin,
and when dry remove with warm
towels. Then beat the balance of
egg-white lightly with the fingers,
apply over face and neck, fan dry,
and remove this also with a warm
towel.

Beauty Hints

Skins that are muddy,
sallow or rather dreary need
the pick-up given by the slight-
ly bleaching type of facial
which may be applied quite ef-
fectively at home.

Nothing elaborate or expensive
is necessary. Have ready a bowl of
ice cubes, cotton-wool, a strip of
gauze, skin tonic, and some 10 vol.
peroxide.

Pull from the roll a strip of
cotton-wool about six inches long
by four inches wide. Squeeze it
out in cold water, and lay it on the
ice cubes in the bowl. Sprinkle
well with skin tonic and peroxide.
Press out the moisture and sepa-
rate the strip into three layers,
redviding one section into two
pieces, and in another pulling eye-
holes.

With the ice bowl near at hand,
lie down and place the strip of
cotton-wool in which the eyeholes
were made over the upper part of
the face; next press the second
strip over the lower face, and one
of the narrow strips over the
forehead.

Tie a piece of gauze firmly
under the chin, fastening it secure-
ly on top of the head, and then fix
the last strip of cotton-wool over
the eyes.

Using ice cubes from the bowl,
"iron" steadily over the mask,
firmly along the contours, until the
chill seeps through thoroughly.

Relax for at least 10 minutes,
and emerge firm, cool, and glowing
to receive make-up.

Dull Hair Brighter

Strained and discoloured hair
can also spoil beauty, but a simple
egg shampoo used frequently may
be the means of reviving fairness
and lustre as well as making the
hair soft, silky, and easy to
manage.

This particular version of the
egg shampoo will also help
brighten grey or white hair which
has become dull and yellowed by
ordinary soap baths.

Having added one egg, both
yolk and white, to a diluted solu-
tion of liquid soapless shampoo,
the following steps are sug-
gested:—

Brush the hair briskly for not
less than five minutes, starting
at the scalp, and pulling the
brushes through to the hair ends.
Do not hurry this part of the
treatment, and brush in every
direction.

Wrap the head in a towel wrung
out at intervals in very hot water,
and leave on for about 15 minutes
all told.

Remove towel, massage the scalp
briskly, then re-wrap for a few
extra minutes. Removing the towel,
again manipulate the scalp well
to stir the circulation and loosen
particles of dandruff, if there are
any.

Now wet the hair well with
lukewarm water and apply half
the shampoo solution. Be careful
not to use hot water, as it may
harden the preparation. Work the
shampoo well into the hair, then
rinse until the rinse-water is
quite clear.

It is now necessary to apply
the other half of the shampoo,
and repeat the whole process.
Follow with another vigorous
rinsing in lukewarm water follow-
ed by cold, and the hair is ready
for gentle drying.

For fullest beauty, do not pin
the hair up into curls while it is
wet, as it will be more lustrous and
amiable redressed for setting.

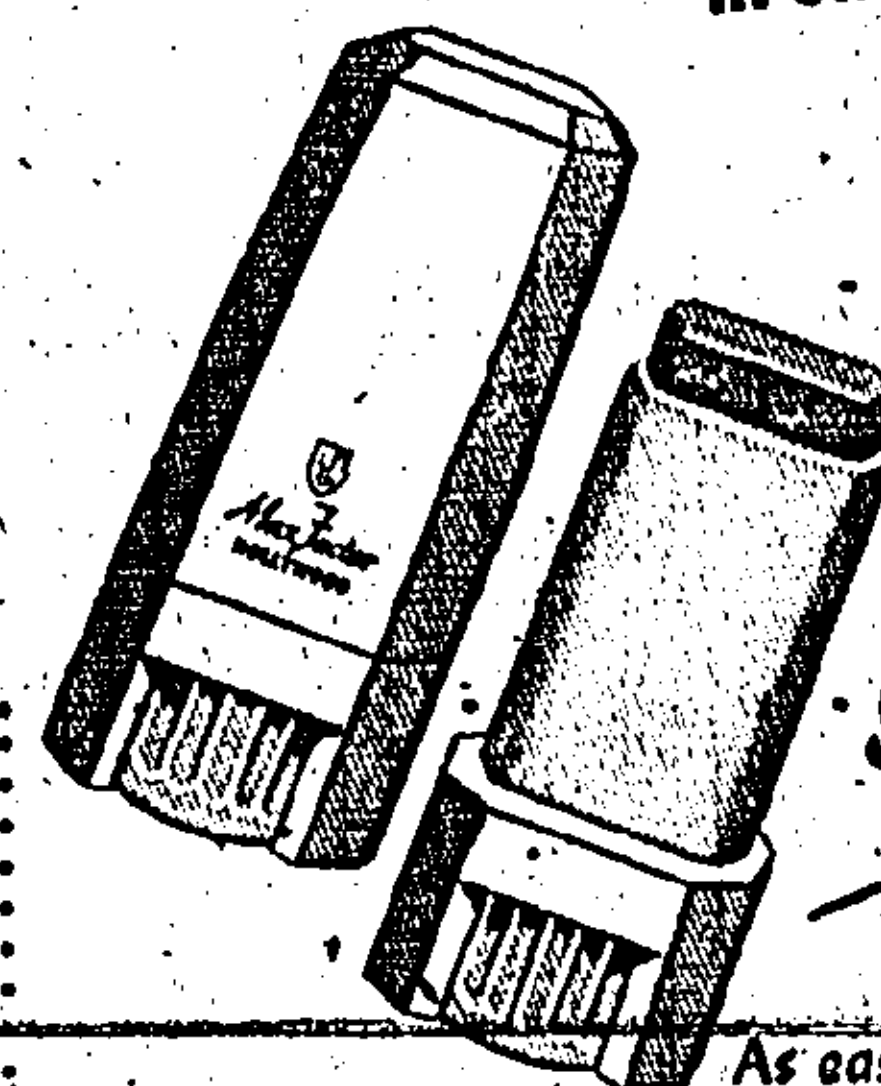
For Pale Hands

Finally, let's look at the hands—
pale hands, pink-tipped, appre-
ciate slight bleach treatment, too.

Half a lemon, kept in the bath-
room, and rubbed over the hands
after washing, is a helpful start
in pale-hand culture, and an
occasional hand-pack conditions
the skin as well as making it
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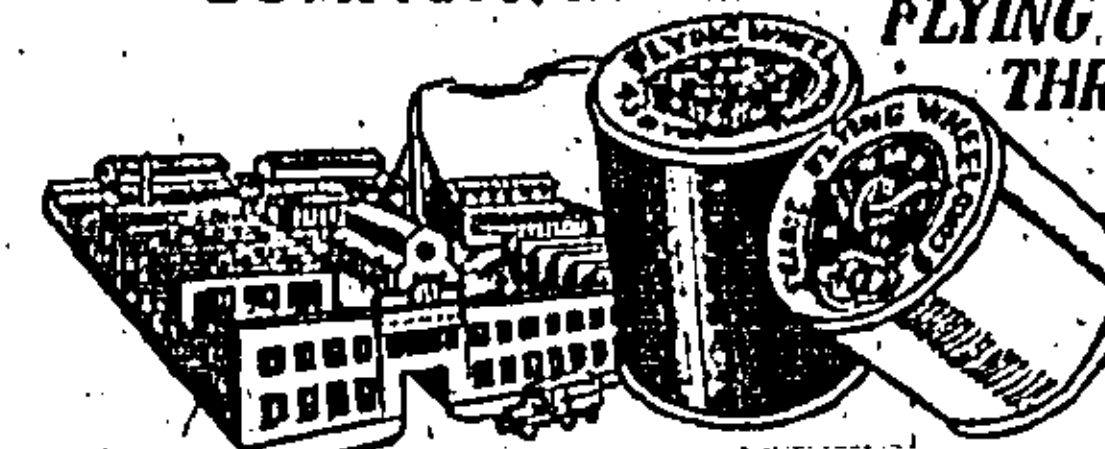
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Bold New Programme Of U.S. Aid

Washington, January 25. High Administration officials say that Congress may be asked for US\$1,000,000,000 to back up President Truman's "bold new programme" to develop the world's backward areas.

This money would be available for loans by this Government to foreign countries which join in a plan for co-ordinated development.

The decision to seek the money is not definite. But it represents the thinking of high Administration officials who are looking for a way to translate Mr. Truman's plan into action.

Actually, such a "bold new programme" does not exist in detail although the idea has been much discussed.

The Secretary of the Treasury, John Snyder, discloses that work is going forward on a series of far-reaching programmes involving financial assistance for other countries of the world. He gave no specific details.—Associated Press.

Indian Premier's Warning To West

New Delhi, January 24.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, today warned the Western world that it must stop treating Asia like a poor relation.

The Indian leader said that the Asiatic nations should, if necessary, apply economic sanctions to force Dutch withdrawal from Indonesia if the Security Council fails to act.

He suggested that in South East Asia Communism has lost ground during the last six months because of its headlong clash with nationalist movements.

He predicted that the Communist victory in China, however, would become a very heavy factor in future Asiatic problems. Mr. Nehru warned that Asiatic nations will be playing a far bigger and more important role in all international affairs henceforth.

A resurgent new Asia, as shown by the recent conference here on Indonesia, should be noticed by the United Nations that the Far East no longer intends to be satisfied with a minor or secondary role in world affairs, he said.

He discounted some extremist fears about Communism in South East Asia without overlooking the problem. The Communist movement generally had lost ground in South East Asia because it was unable to exploit existing economic ills there.

Mr. Nehru's major criticism is of the West for not paying enough attention to Asia in the past. But it will pay more attention in future, he added. "This conference here on Indonesia and the conference recommendations to the Security Council crystallised the opinion of Asia's importance in the United Nations and the world," he said.

Commenting on Chiang Kai-shek's downfall, he said Communist domination of China will have considerable psychological effect in South East Asia.

However, he added, it is too early to tell what other material effects it will have.

"It will have a profound effect on the minds of people generally in South East Asia, but beyond that its effect cannot be determined now."

Further Action On Indonesia

Recalling his statement last August that economic ills provided the most fertile ground for Communism in Asia, Mr. Nehru said that despite this, the Communists had been unable to exploit these conditions because they found themselves in conflict with nationalist movements in newly-freed Asiatic nations as well as in some of those not yet freed.

Mr. Nehru said that the Asiatic nations must take their own economic measures to force Dutch withdrawal from Indonesia if the Security Council fails to act.

Emphasising that it is the desire of the Asiatics to work with the United Nations, Mr. Nehru said there always is the possibility of further Asian action if the Security Council is unwilling to force a solution. There is no question but that the Asian recommendations on Indonesia and other party fails to comply, should take economic sanctions to force a solution, he declared.

Western Disdain

He predicted that the economic and other measures which could be applied under the Charter would hit both parties very hard. Mr. Nehru lashed at the Western world's previous disregard of Asiatic problems.

"This conference will powerfully affect opinion," he said. "The role Asia has been playing in recent years has not been proportionate to her size and population, nor to her real importance."

Mr. Nehru thinks that the Western world's previous disdain and lack of interest in Asia is due to thinking of Asia as a kind of fringe of Europe.

"Asiatic problems have been considered only as they are related to European problems," he added.

"That was a hangover from the past. The European nations, and the United States as well, have been thinking of Europe mainly."—United Press.

IRA MANIFESTO IN BELFAST

Belfast, January 25.

A manifesto circulated in Belfast, today by an organisation describing itself as the Army Council of the Irish Republican Army says there is a deliberate attempt to misrepresent the situation arising from the repeal of the External Relations Act.

The manifesto says it is necessary to define the actual position and adds: "Those owing allegiance to the Republic cannot recognise that the repeal of the External Relations Act is anything better than a political manoeuvre to mislead the Irish people into the belief that freedom has been achieved."

"It remains the duty of all Republicans to continue their efforts to rid Ireland of the last vestiges of foreign rule," the manifesto states.—Associated Press.

Suggestions For Courts Martial

London, January 24.

British soldiers and airmen pleading not guilty at courts martial should have the right of appeal on points of law against their conviction.

A Government committee, examining the procedure of these courts, recommended this today.

The Court of Appeal should normally sit in London or at some other convenient centre in Britain, the committee's report suggests. It should have power in exceptional cases to allow fresh evidence to be called.

It should also have power to quash a court martial conviction where an error of law is sufficiently serious to make it unsafe to let the conviction stand.

The court would not hear appeals against sentences, jurisdiction over which should, in the committee's view, remain entirely with the Service authorities.

After being under close arrest for 28 days without court martial an accused should have the right to petition against further detention.

The report also recommends that it should be illegal to detain an accused man in close arrest for longer than 90 days without a court martial. Soldiers should be kept in open and not close arrest while awaiting trial.

A sentence in courts martial should be given in open court, it added.—Reuter.

Asian Monroe Doctrine Born

Paris, January 24.

The Asian conference at New Delhi is the seed of a real Asiatic Monroe Doctrine, the Conservative evening paper, *Le Monde*, says.

"The old colonial powers," *Le Monde* says, "cannot neglect this grave warning if it is supported by an active solidarity." *Le Monde* says the 18-nation conference lays for the first time the foundation of a permanent nations' group in Asia.—Reuter.

INDIA TO SEEK BANK LOAN?

New Delhi, January 24.

A five-man World Bank Commission, headed by Mr. A. S. G. Hoar, assistant loan director, arrived here today in connection with a possible application by India for a loan.

A Finance Ministry spokesman said India wants the loan for agricultural and railway equipment. The mission will study the economic and financial situation of India for six weeks or so.—Associated Press.

The Future Of British Smoking

London, January 24.

The quantity and price of Britain's "smokes" until the end of Marshall aid in 1952 is likely to depend on the result of a series of important talks opening at the Board of Trade this afternoon.

Officials of the Board and the Treasury on the one hand and of the American Department of Agriculture and the American Embassy on the other are hoping to arrive at a settlement of Britain's tobacco-buying programme for 1949 and the following years.

If a large measure of agreement is reached at the talks, which will probably last three or four days, a settlement may be made even beyond the Marshall aid period.

No statement will be made until the end of the talks. Sir Alexander Maxwell, tobacco adviser to the Board of Trade, who has just returned from the United States, is attending the talks. The American delegation is being led by Mr. James Thigpen, director of the Tobacco Branch of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, is not attending today's meeting but will probably be present after the preliminaries have been dealt with.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is not expected to attend at all.

Last year, Britain imported about 140 million pounds of tobacco from the United States, compared with 200 million pounds in a normal year. One possibility likely to be discussed is that part of the American crop be given to Britain free as part of Marshall aid.—Reuter.

DANGER OF FAR EAST BLOC UNDER RUSSIA

London, January 24.

The possibility of an Asian bloc under Soviet domination is decidedly nearer than any free combination of Eastern nations under Indian leadership.

The Daily Telegraph says this in an editorial today.

"The pressure currently being brought upon the Dutch in Indonesia recalls the bullying interference which was a preliminary to the Munich betrayal," the paper says.

The editorial says that the United Nations Good Offices Commission in Java bears a similarity to the well-meaning Runciman mission in the Sudan and has no superior legal status.

During the past few days, pressure on the Dutch has been increased by the conference of Asiatic states summoned by Premier Nehru and, oddly, attended by three non-Asiatic countries—Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines.

"Whatever disclaimers Mr. Nehru may have made about creating the Asian bloc he set the tone by the opening phrase: 'Asia has been too long submissive and will no longer brook interference with her freedom.'"

"Court Martial" "He might have pointed out that the most powerful Asiatic power, Soviet Russia, is accused to use similar phrases and that the possibility of an Asian bloc under Soviet domination is decidedly nearer than is the chance of any free combination of Eastern nations under Mr. Nehru."

In Sydney, the Morning Herald says the proceedings of the Asian conference were more like those of a drum-head court martial passing judgment on the Dutch action in Indonesia than the deliberations of a group of nations deeply concerned with the merits of a highly arguable problem.

It heads the leading article: "Asiatic pressure group."

Turning to Pandit Nehru's statement on the "White Australia" policy, the article said: "Pandit Nehru agrees that Australia is entitled to maintain the policy on economic but not on racial grounds" and commented: "If some day an Asiatic bloc led by India calls the White Australia policy a 'racial' policy, it will avail us nothing if we insist it is 'economic.'"

"Pandit Nehru's statement, incidental as it may have been to the main purpose of indicting the Dutch, should be taken as a warning of the danger of risking the friendship of the old nations of the West in order to curry favour with the new nations of the East.—United Press and Reuter.

Mr. Nehru's Letter On Indonesia

Lake Success, January 24. The Security Council today received a 18-nation resolution with an accompanying letter from the Indian Premier, Jawaharlal Nehru, warning that United Nations measures to settle the Indonesian dispute are overdue.

The New Delhi proposals received by the Council President, A.G.L. McNaughton, on the eve of the Council's vote on its own plans, are aimed at restoring peace in Indonesia.

Mr. Nehru's letter reminds the Council that over half of the world population is behind the conference demands.

"The conference has asked me to point out with respect that effective action by the Council to bring this situation to an end is overdue," it says.

"The conference earnestly hopes that such action will not be further delayed and assures the Council of the full co-operation of the member states represented in this conference in any measures it may decide to take."—United Press.

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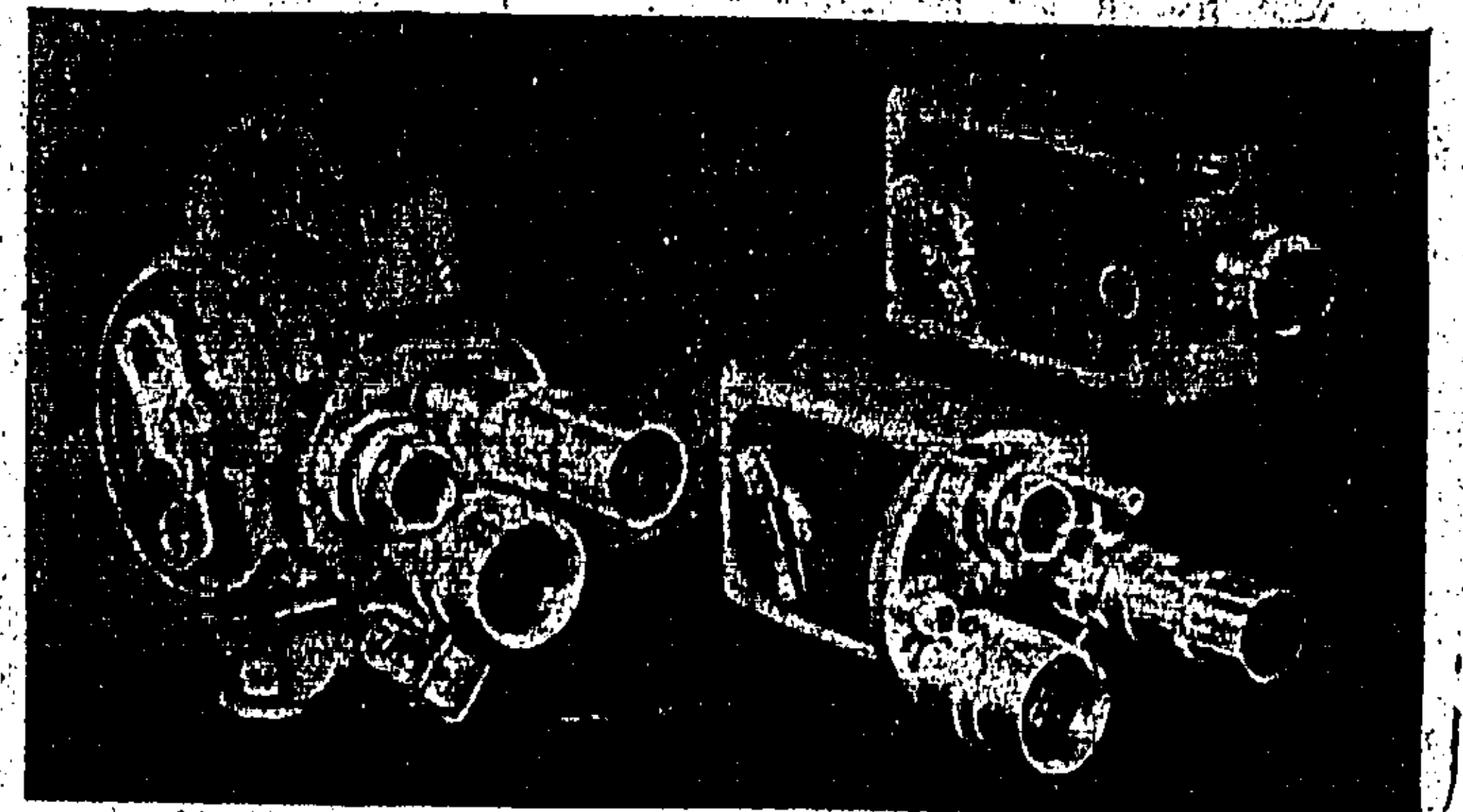
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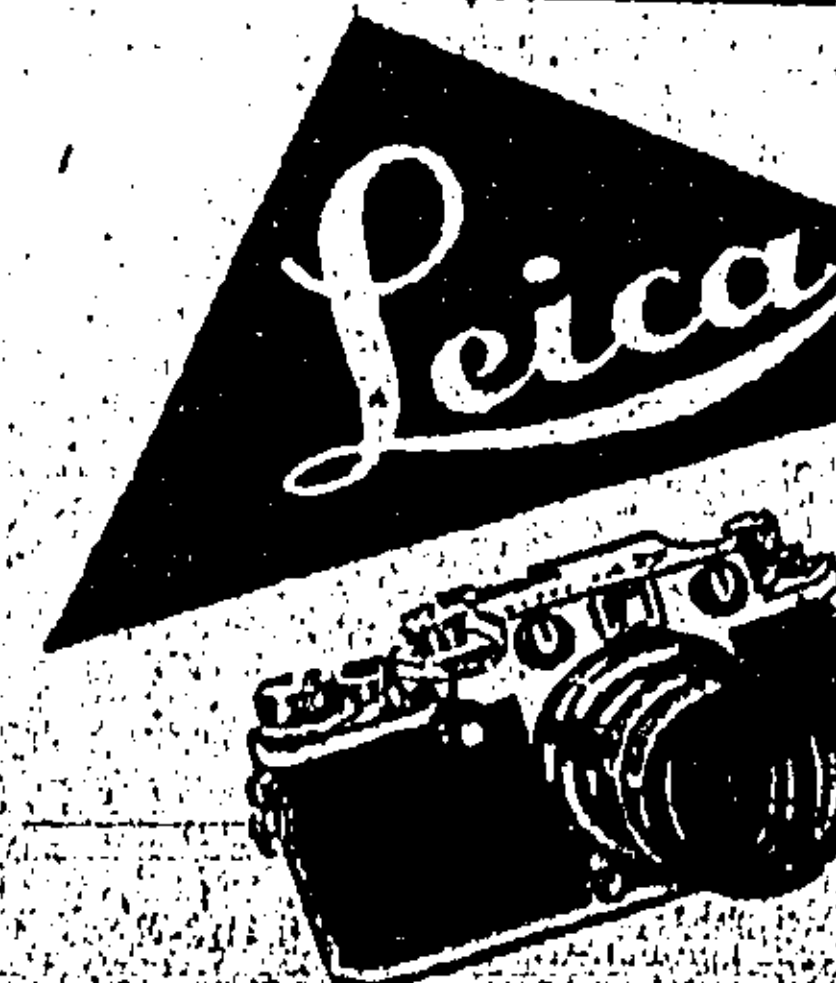
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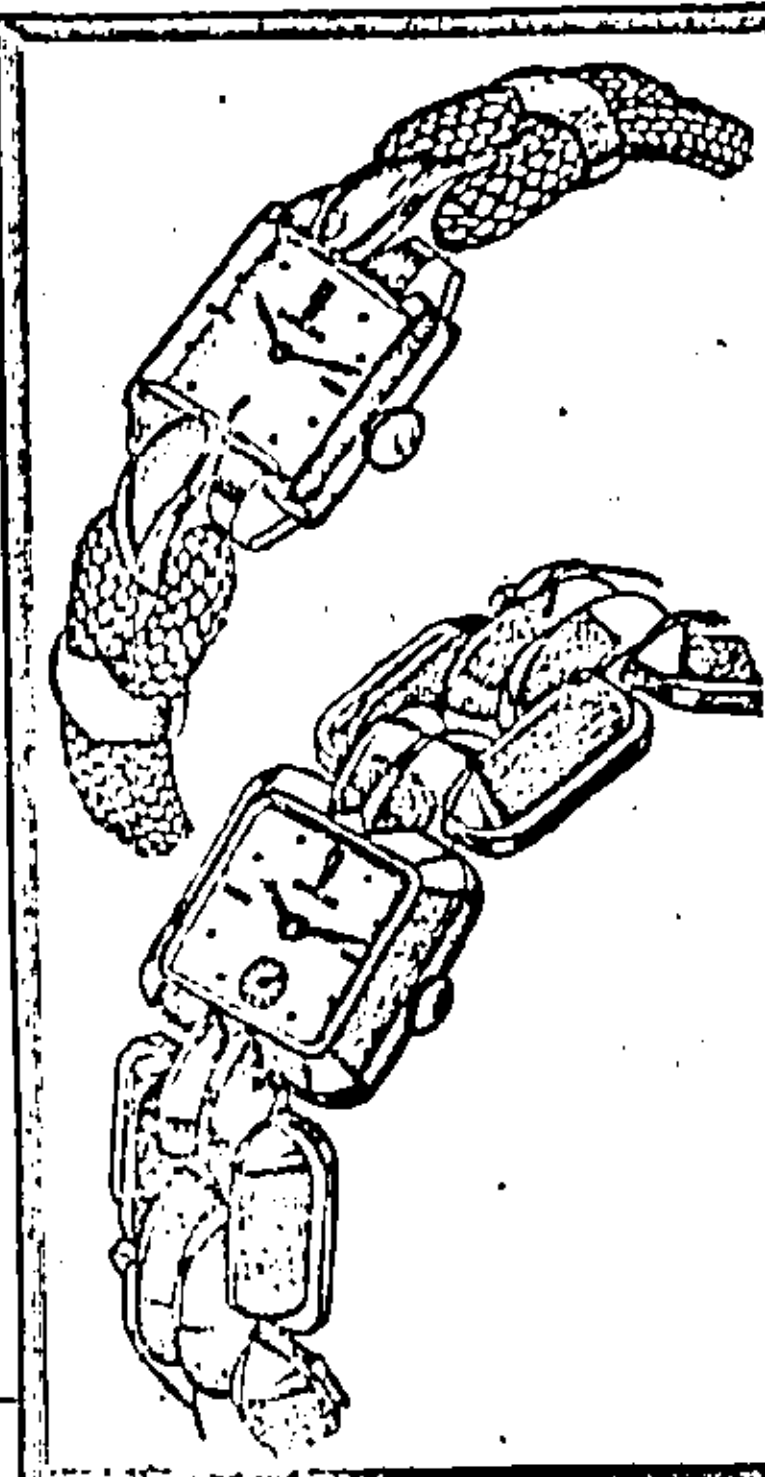
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TEEN AGE TOPICS

Editorial

Fibs And Lies

There is a tremendous difference between fibs and lies. One has a bit of virtue in it, the other is completely black.

We tell fibs to save our neighbours a little discomfort. But one tells lies to bring pain to them. That is the difference. The club drip or the school gossip is one thing, but a fib is another. You tell a fib to save your neighbour a little discomfort. But one tells lies to bring pain to them. That is the difference. The club drip or the school gossip is one thing, but a fib is another.

You are envious because Jane gets along better with the boys, so you whisper around something which is not only untrue, but wickedly mean, with a purpose of undermining Jane's popularity. That is a lie, and one of the blackest of its kind.

Though it is sometimes necessary to tell fibs, this is not the only way in which you can be polite and kind. There is another way of telling the truth and still remain unblemished. It is the tactful way. And to learn tact, you must first learn patience and understanding.

In the case of lies, it is never necessary to tell them. Another form of lie is cheating—cheating in class, play or in the sporting field. In the field of competition, you will find that urge to cheat is the greatest, for one's keenness to win is great. But if you will allow yourself to be convinced that a little cheating in games won't do anyone any harm, you will soon learn that the evil influence is making an excuse for you in every branch of activity that you take part in. So that in time you will discover yourself not only an unpopular character but also branded a liar.

Personality

Alfred Daniel Malig comes from the Philippines, but he was born in Hong Kong, 19 years ago.

He attended school at La Salle and later, St. Luis Gonzaga College in Macao, where he matriculated in 1945.

Alfred's ambition is to be a master mariner and he hopes some day to see the world. At present he is taking a correspondence course in economics with Bennett's College, Australia.

Alfred is a very keen sportsman and English literature. Shakespeare is his favourite.

In music, however, Alfred is uncompromisingly modern, his likes being boogie woogie and The Ink Spots.

"The noble art of boxing is my chief sport, and I follow quite diligently the activities of the great boxers," he says. "I have always had a yearning to be a champion, but I suppose it will only remain a yearning!" Alfred has taken part in many contests at the China Fleet Club. He plays softball every week-end and has the short-stop position in the Filipino Club's team in the Softball League.

Anxious to take a part in the activities of the local community, Alfred is slated over the proposed formation of the Hong Kong Defence Force. "It is a wonderful organisation for us," he said.



ALFRED MALIG

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A representative group of the Colony's teen agers heaved a long and heavy "Oh-h-h" when the Pan-American Airways plane touched down at Kai Tak last week without Betty Betts.

Betty was due to arrive in Hong Kong on her tour round the world visiting teen agers. There was no reason given as to why she has not arrived or any news of when she is coming.

A welcome party almost went sour with the change of mood of the teen agers, but they soon got over their disappointment.

The above picture shows them taking time out to smile for the Topics camera.

YOU TOO CAN BECOME A CHAMPION

Every teen ager cherishes the desire to be a champion and he or she can make this hope a reality. It is all right for a teen ager to be a jack of all sports and master of none, because sports are good for the body, mind and character, but it is better for him or her to be a champion.

A teen ager who plays different kinds of sport should select his favourite one practice continually at it. Practice makes perfect and just reading books about sports or watching other people playing will not make you a champion.

Some was not built in a day and champions are definitely not made by one practice, but by diligence and perseverance.

Even at practice a teen ager should play his best. He will always be watched by the manager or captain of the team whose attention he will win and thus get a quicker break to become a champion.

The best time to start training

to be a champion is when you are in your teens and have plenty of energy and time to practice and no stomach to get in the way.

Do not fight with the girls when not playing, but watch closely your opponents' style of playing. Imitate their excellent qualities and make good use of their points when playing against them.

Take all the advice the old players can afford you, because they are experienced, and the best teachers.

Nervousness is the cause of many failures of amateur sportsmen, but this can be cured by keeping cool and remembering that your opponent is just as nervous as you.

Do not give up a sport because you failed to play well the first time. Just keep on trying. Where there is a will there is a way, so go out there the next time and show them the stuff a champion is made of.

Doris Dillard

Platter Chatter

Benny Goodman Sextette: The World is Waiting for Sunrise; Shirley Steps Out. World is one of Benny's best sides for months. He is well supported by Mel Powell on piano, Red Norvo on vibraphone and Al Hendrickson on guitar. Shirley, for which Powell receives composer credit, sounds suspiciously like How High the Moon. Good solos and ensemble.

Chuy Reyes: Rhumba; Rhythm Rhapsody. Boogie with a Latin flavour with leader playing good piano. I would have preferred this with a little less thumping. Rhumba is billed as a Reyes original but it is almost a precis-copy of Rhumba Rhapsody. Good pianistics.

Paul Weston: Etude (Chopin Opus 10, No. 3 in E Major); My Moonlight Madonna. Two beautiful melodies given smooth treatment. Get your Capitol record of this early as this is certain to be sold out shortly.

Ink Spots: To Each His Own; I Never Had a Dream Come True. First side recommends itself. Dream is a tune you will like the first time you hear it. Choruses taken slow and fast alternately. A top Ink Spots disc.

Paul Robeson: St. Louis Blues; Wagon Wheels. Two popular numbers get the benefit of Robeson's rich and effortless bass.

Perry Como: You Won't Be Satisfied; I'm Always Chasing Rainbows. You will be satisfied with Como in a happy vein. Good support from vocal chorus. Rainbows, obviously based on Chopin's Fantasy Impromptu (not stated on record), as sung by Como is only fair.

Bing Crosby: The Story of Sorrento; Laro, Laro Lilli Bolero. A Sorrento to end all Sorrentos. After this excellent platter it would be superfluous for any other singer to revive this tune. A few bars by an unnamed vocal soloist who sounds like Deanna Durbin and the Ken Darby Choir add lustre to Bing's fine lower register notes. Laro is pleasant.

Stan Kenton: Do Nothing Until You Hear From Me; Harlem Folk Dance. The Duke composition is played by a somewhat restrained Kenton. Starts off with a good piano solo but the record is almost completely spoiled by a horrible vocal. Harlem as you can judge by the title is a jump tune with the usual finale of screaming brasses.

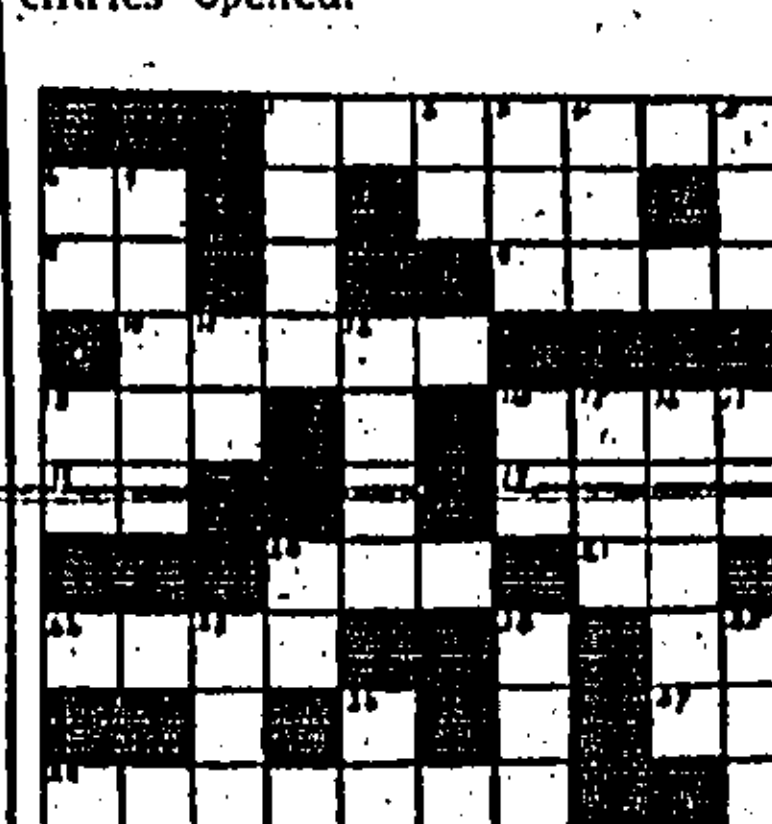
The Wren.

Crossword Competition

Winners of the crossword contest last week were: Mary Elliott (90) Talkoo Dockyard, Hong Kong, and G. P. Blenkinsop (94), c/o Percy Smith and Company.

The prizes will be in the mail today.

Here is this week's crossword. The same amounts will be awarded to the first two correct entries opened.



Across

- District in Hong Kong.
- Science (abbr).
- Preposition.
- The colour wore off.
- A cover.
- A tinny food.
- In charge.
- Part of salad.
- Scotch for "yes."
- An American serviceman.
- Opposite of do.
- United Nations.
- To express sympathy.

Down

- A fairy's rod.
- New Territories.
- Clothing.
- A bad actor.
- A house for lodging.
- A local firm (initials).
- Anno Domini.
- Actor-baritone.
- Nickname for Margaret.
- Vowels.
- Mountain.
- Boy's name.
- Ment covered in pie.
- Explosive.
- Knockout.

POP

IM AMAZED THAT THE BURGLARS DIDN'T EVEN TAKE ONE OF YOUR PICTURES POP!

IM NOT—

IM GETTING HARDENED TO THAT SORT OF CRITICISM!

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

UNDERWATER, MERMA APPROACHES MANDRAKE. SHE SMILES—

AND LEADS HIM INTO THE MYSTERIOUS SHIPWRECK—

INSIDE THE WATERLOCK, THE WATER LOWERS RAPIDLY—

NOW! WHAT IS THIS ALL ABOUT?

DON'T BE AFRAID, I WON'T LET DAD HURT YOU. OR FISHFACE EITHER.

RIP KIRBY

By ALEX RAYMOND

I CLIPPED IT FROM A MAGAZINE. YOU CALLED IT TO MY ATTENTION, YOURSELF, SIR. ON THE PLANE TO LONDON, REMEMBER?

SHE LOOKS LIKE A LITTLE DAREDEVIL. AND THE GAMBLER THEY SAY SHE IS. SHE VISITED GAMBLING CLUB THIS NIGHT SHE VANISHED. YOU KNOW—

GAMBLING? THAT MAY GIVE US A LEAD, SIR. WHEN I WAS MUCH YOUNGER, BEFORE MY UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE WITH THE LONDON POLICE, I KNEW EVERY GAMBLER IN THE WEST. END—

IT'S ONLY A CHANCE A BUT YOU MIGHT RENEW SOME OF YOUR OLD TIES. WHAT? THERE'S THE PHONE—

IT'S MISS DODDIN. THEY'VE FOUND BETTA BANNISTER'S BODY!

HONG KONG PICTORIAL AND POST CARD VIEWS OF HONG KONG OBTAINABLE AT CHINA MAIL OFFICES WINDSON HOUSE

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Eric's Newest Look... dress show is a flop...
I'VE NEVER FELT SO HUMILIATED IN MY LIFE, FRITZ— OH! ERIC!
CUT OUT THE EXTREME STYLES, JANE!—TRY 'EM WITH ONE OF THE MID-CALF CLOTHES FOR THE HOME MARKET— THEY'RE MORE MODERATE!
THEY'VE GONE! I DON'T BLAME 'EM!

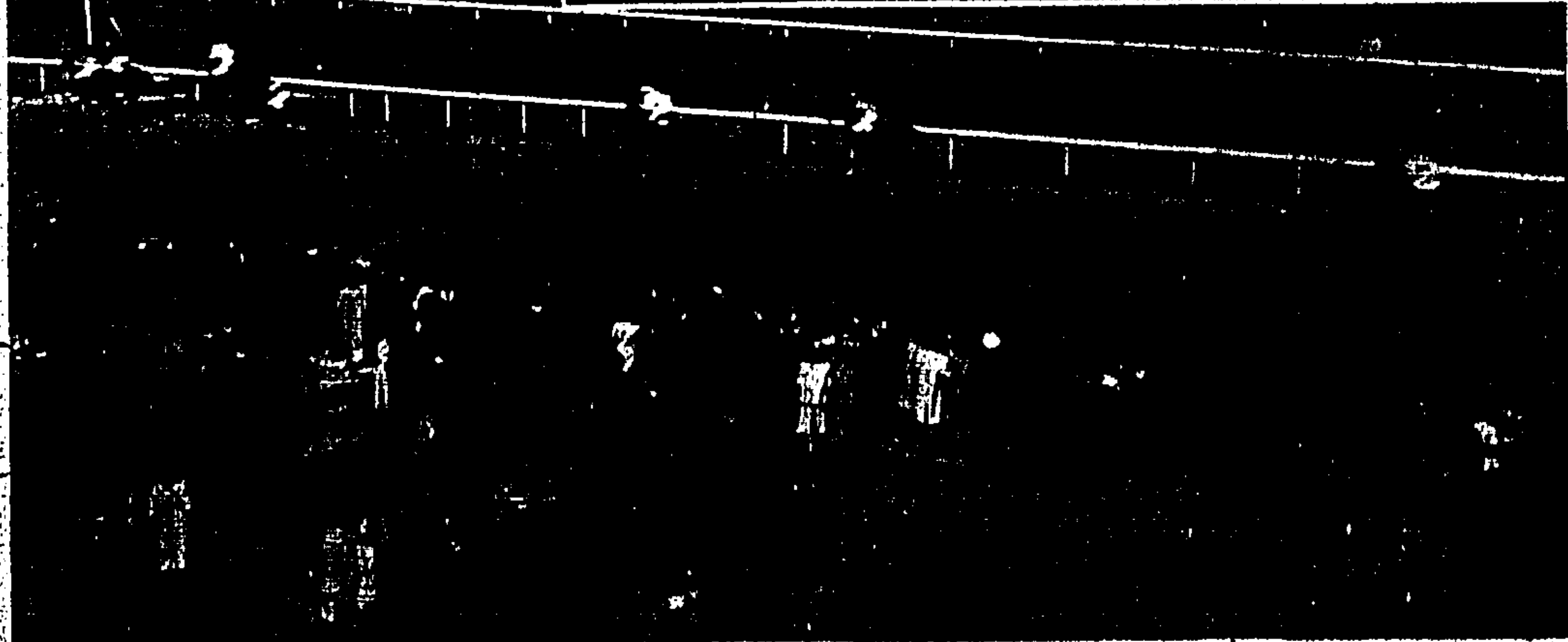
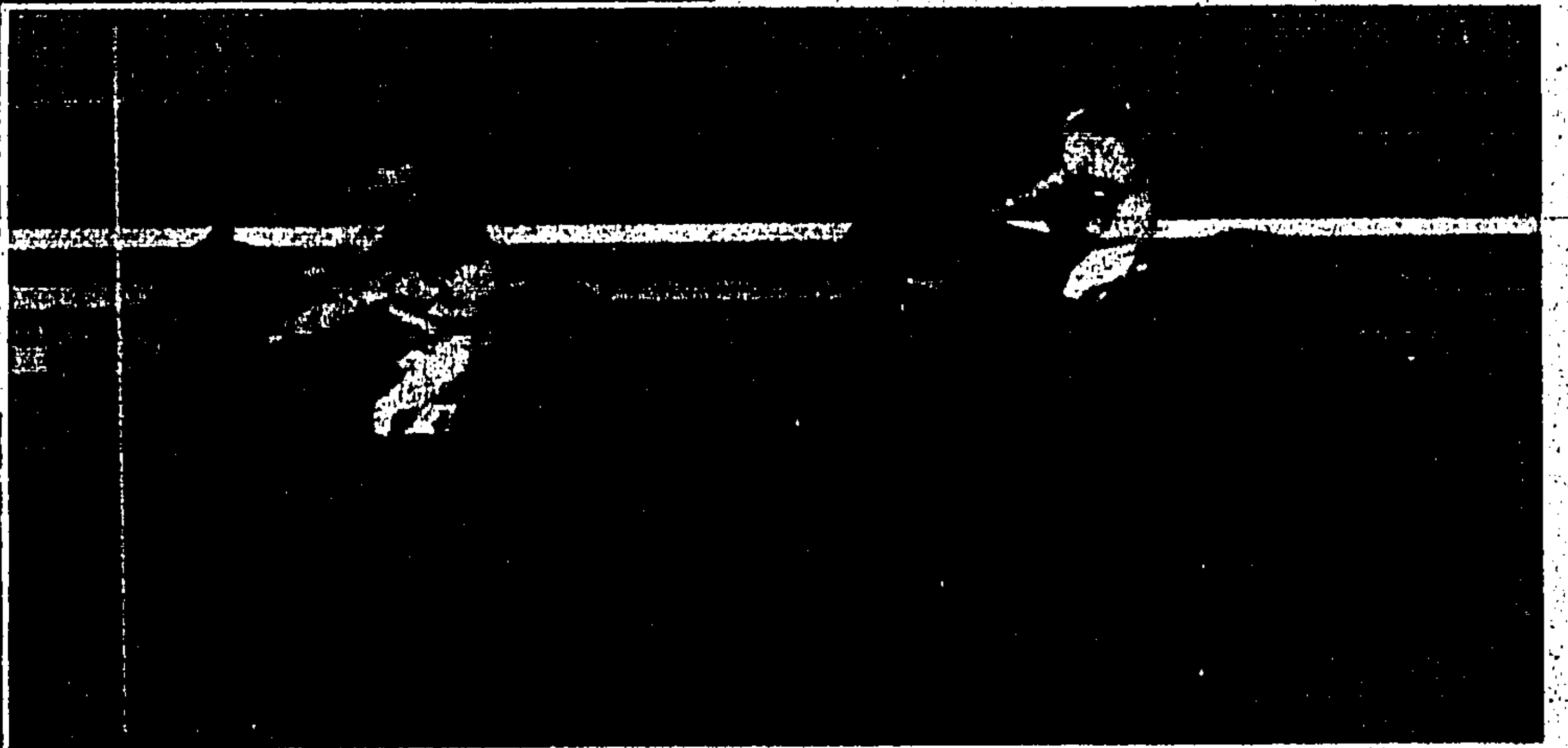
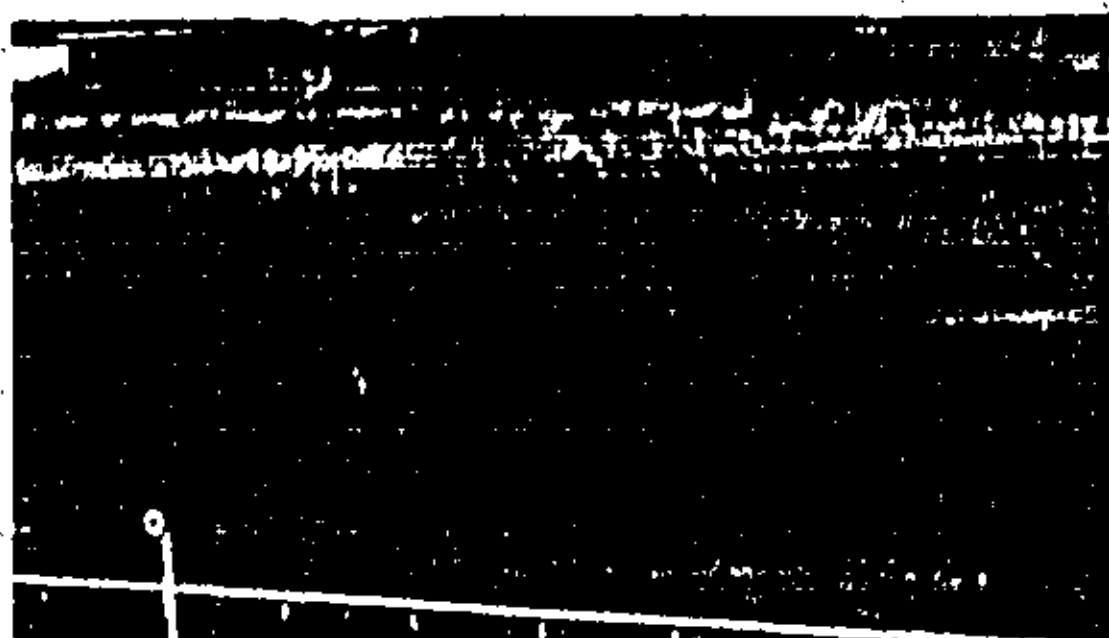
CHINA MAIL *Supplement*

Workmen begin to remove the three pedestals of Queen Victoria's statue in an effort to improve traffic conditions. The entire in Statue Square was erected by public subscriptions in 1899. ("China Mail" photo)



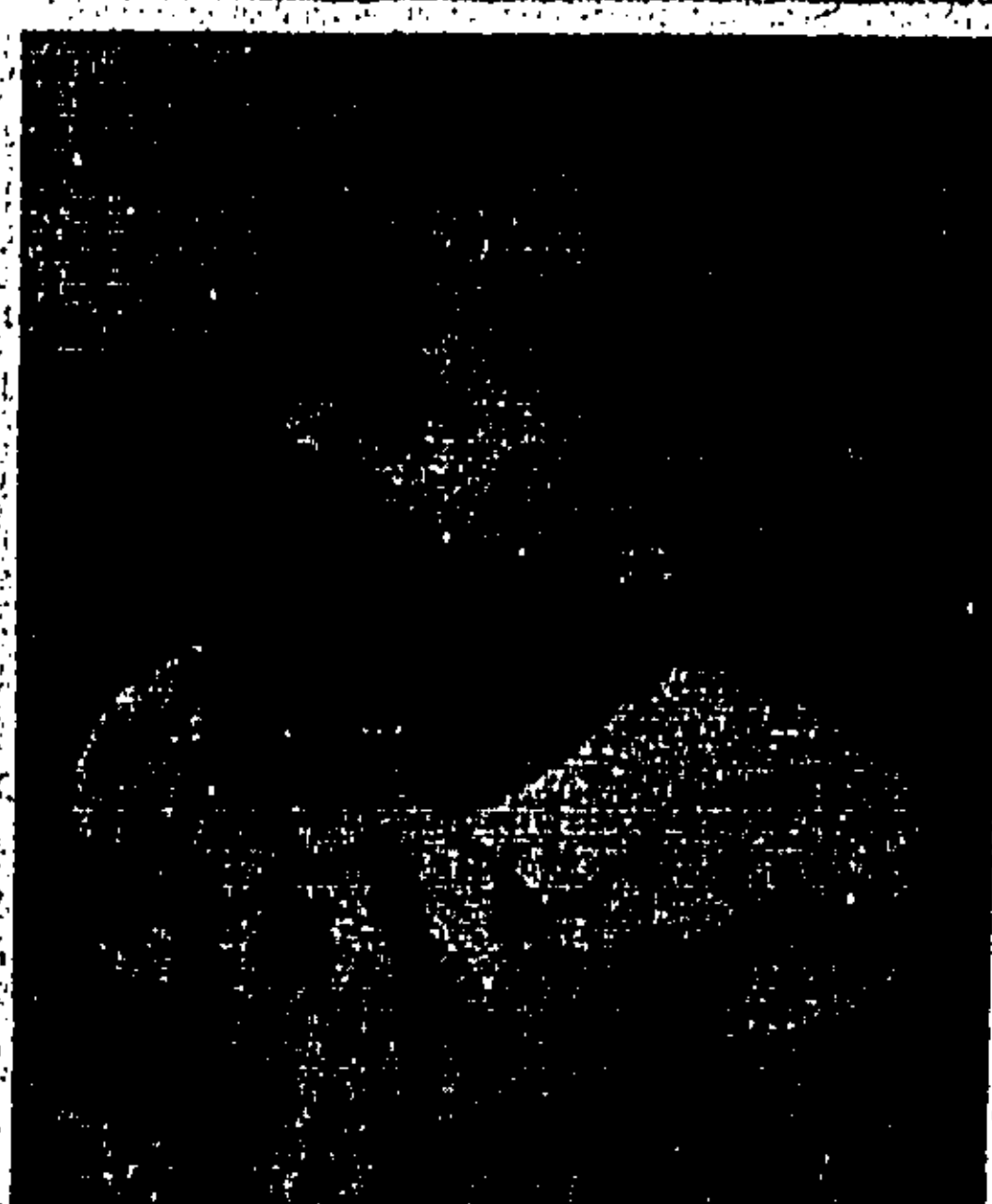
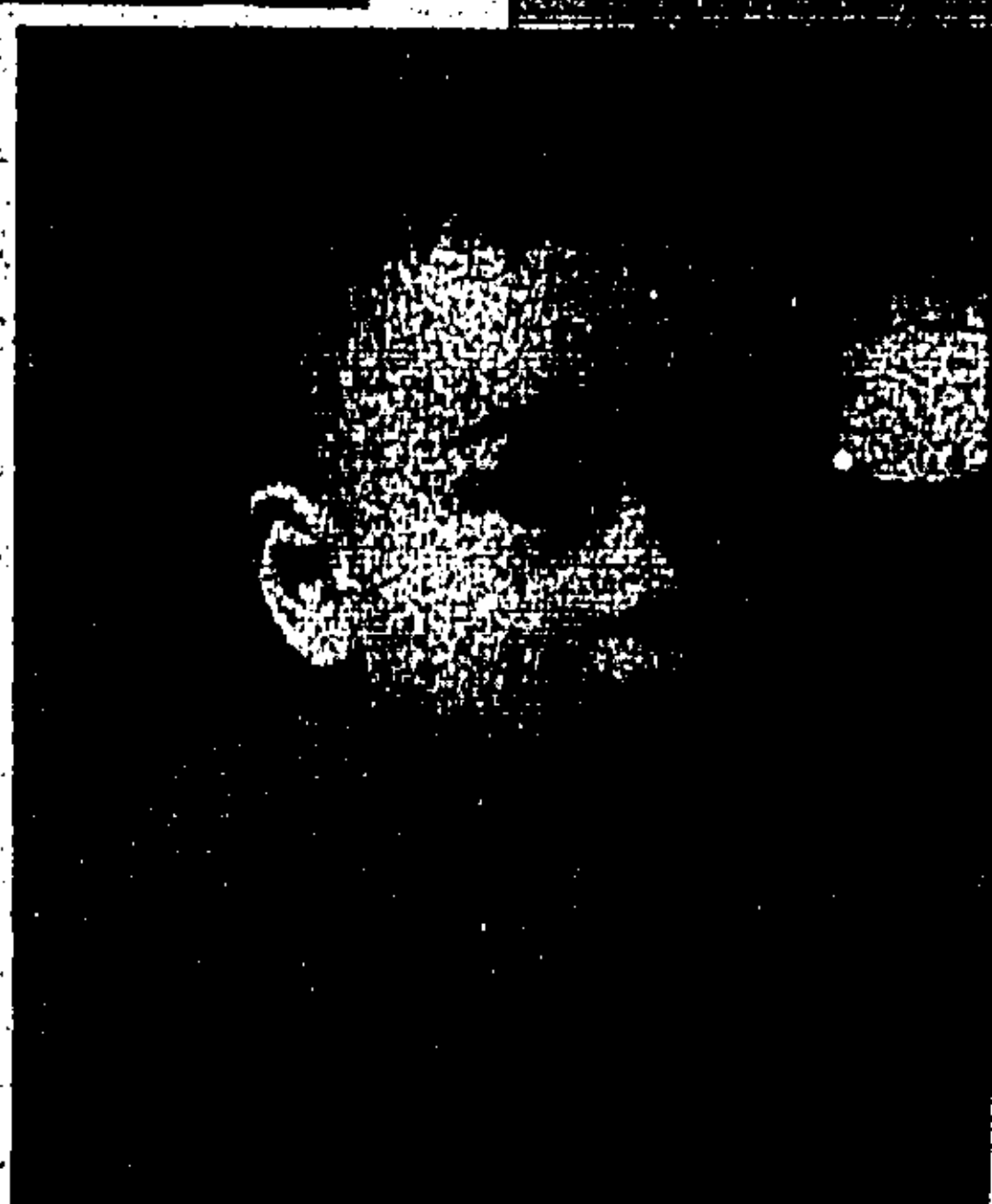
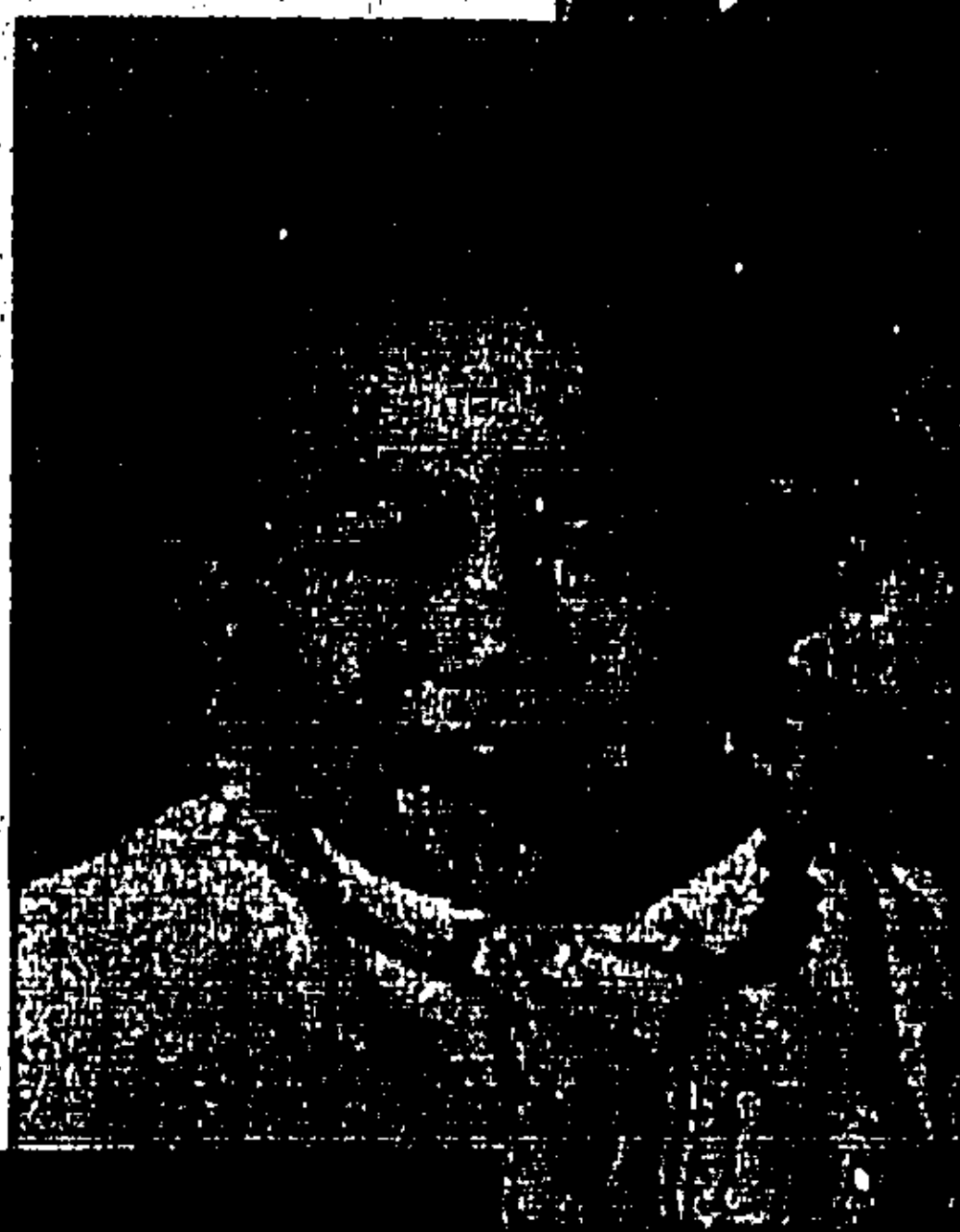
Mr. F. H. Spengler, APL Manager of the Singapore office, Mr. Willard T. Goodwin, Vice-President of the Far Eastern Division, and Mr. E. Hampson, Accountant of the Singapore office take time off from a business conference. ("China Mail" photo)

When a race ends up like this, photo-finish saves the judges a lot of eye-strain and headache.

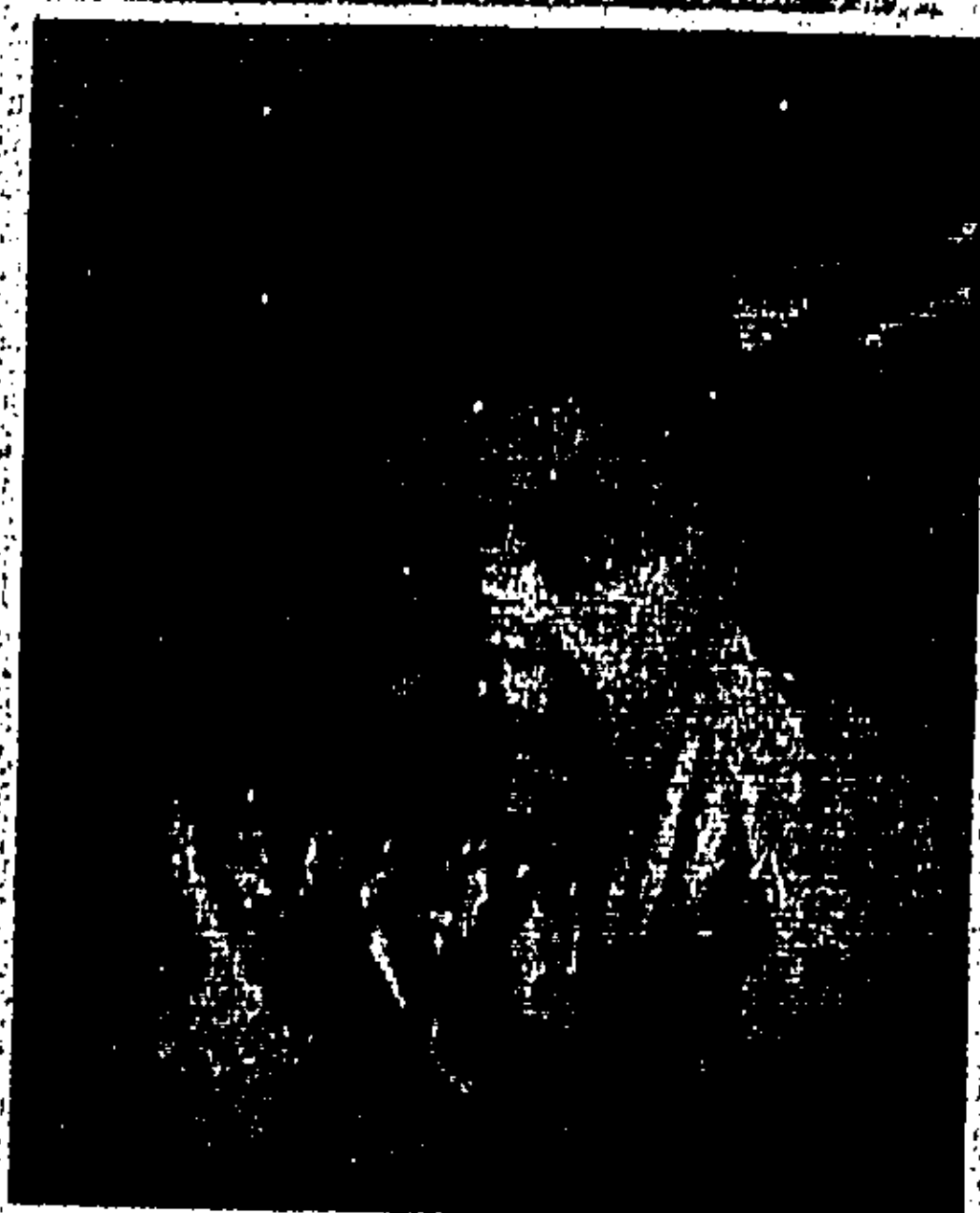
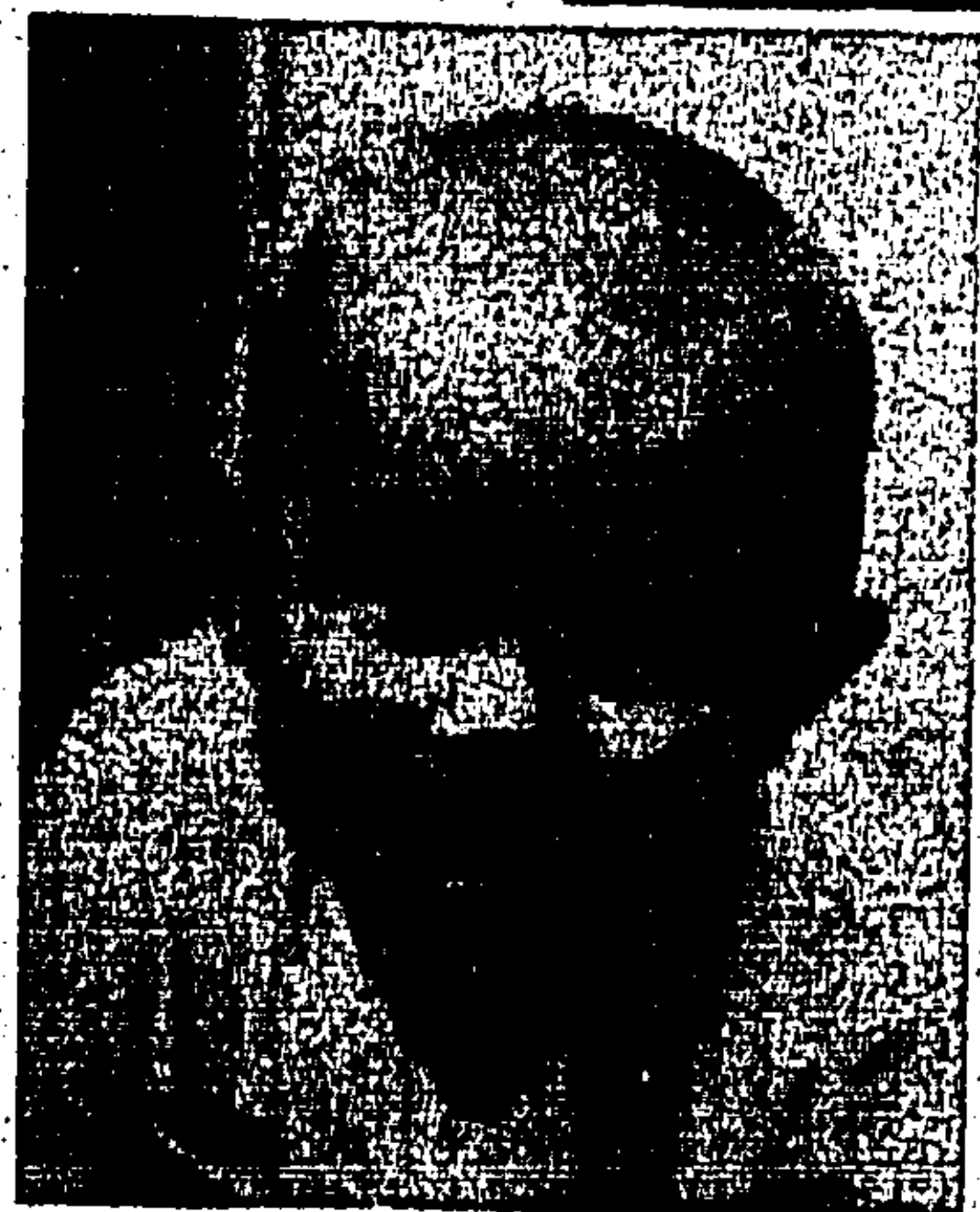
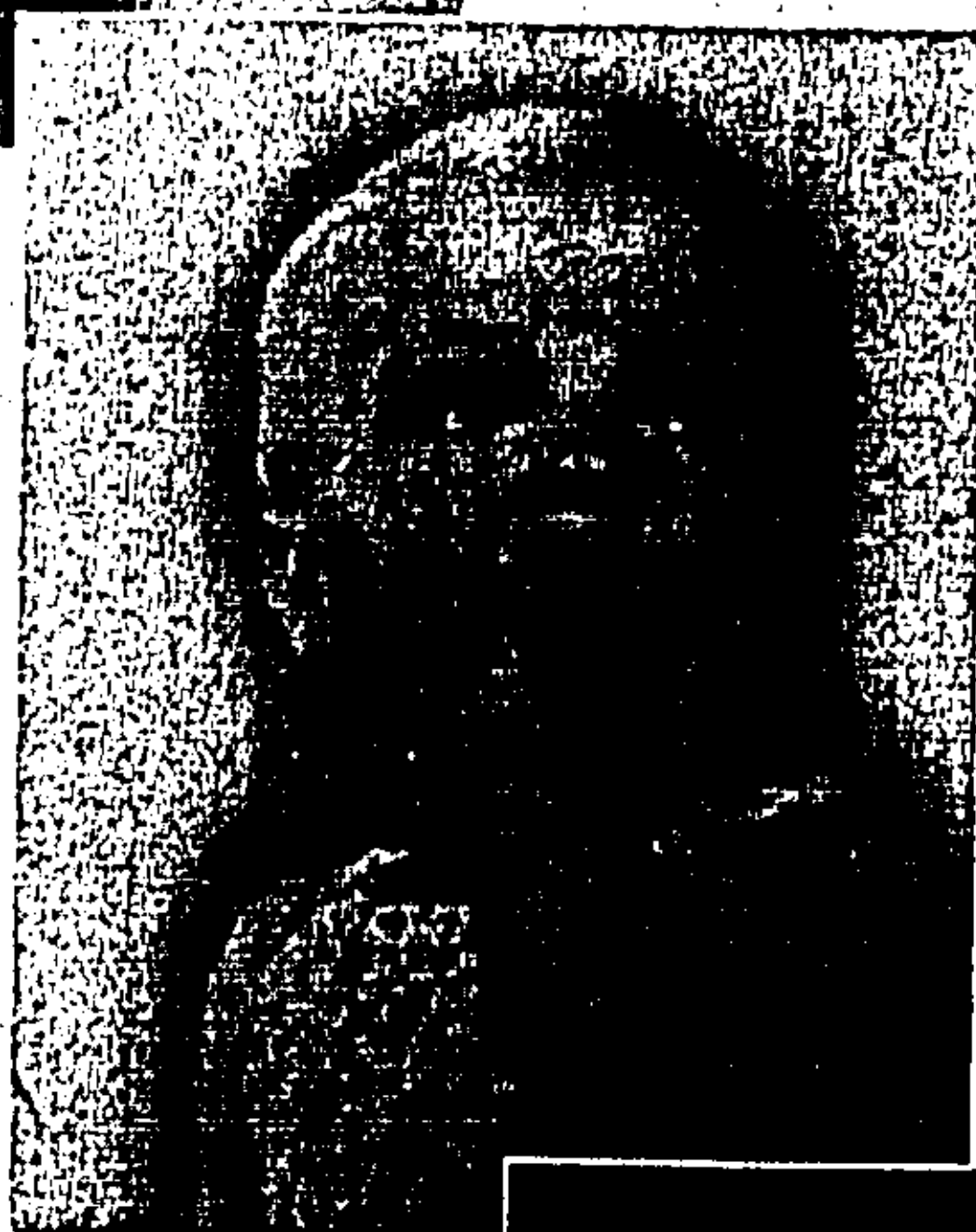
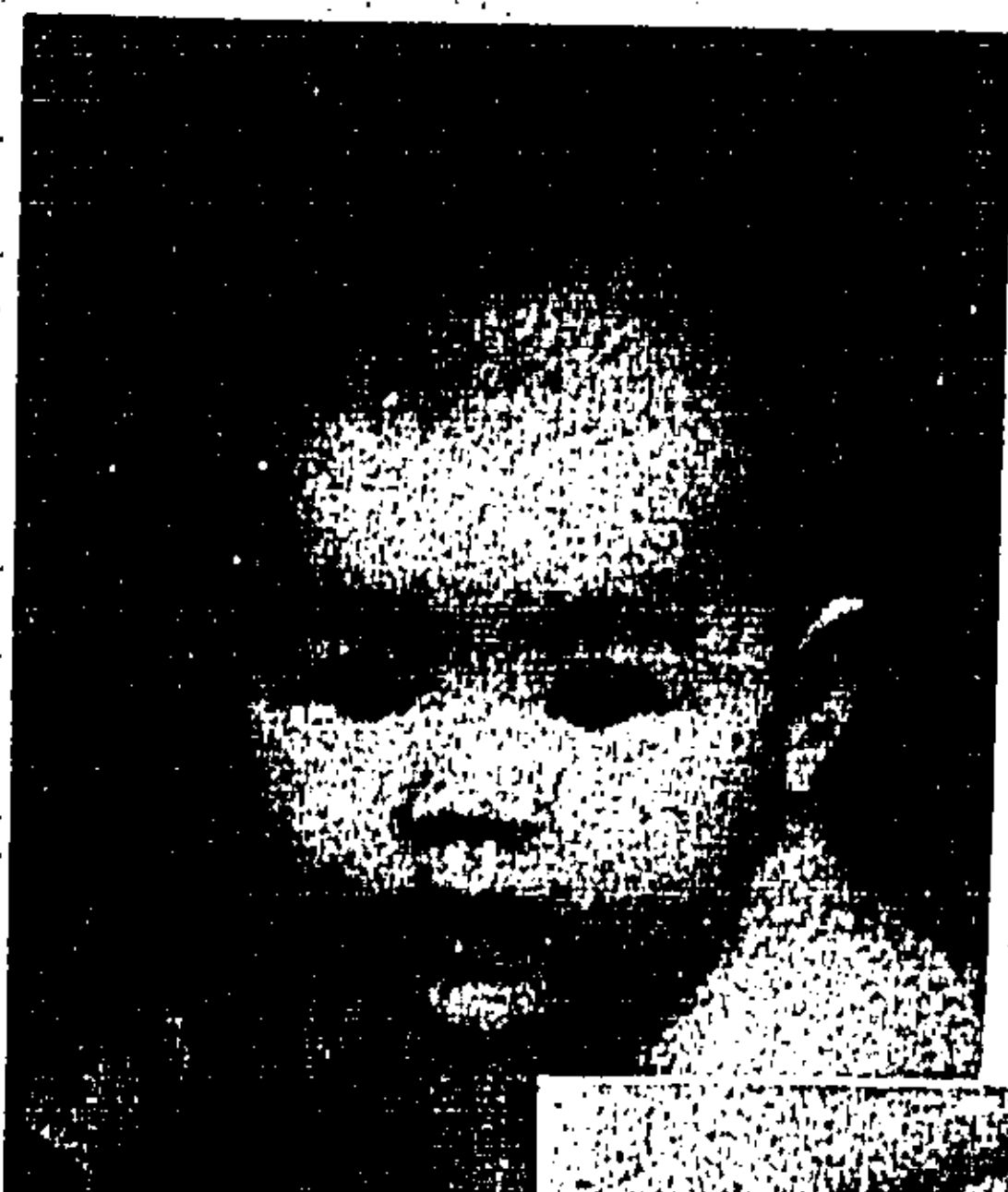


"Prince Delight" noses out "Bootsie" in a photo-finish to win the Jockey Cup in the fifth race at Happy Valley last Wednesday. ("China Mail" photo)

FINAL ENTRIES FOR BABY



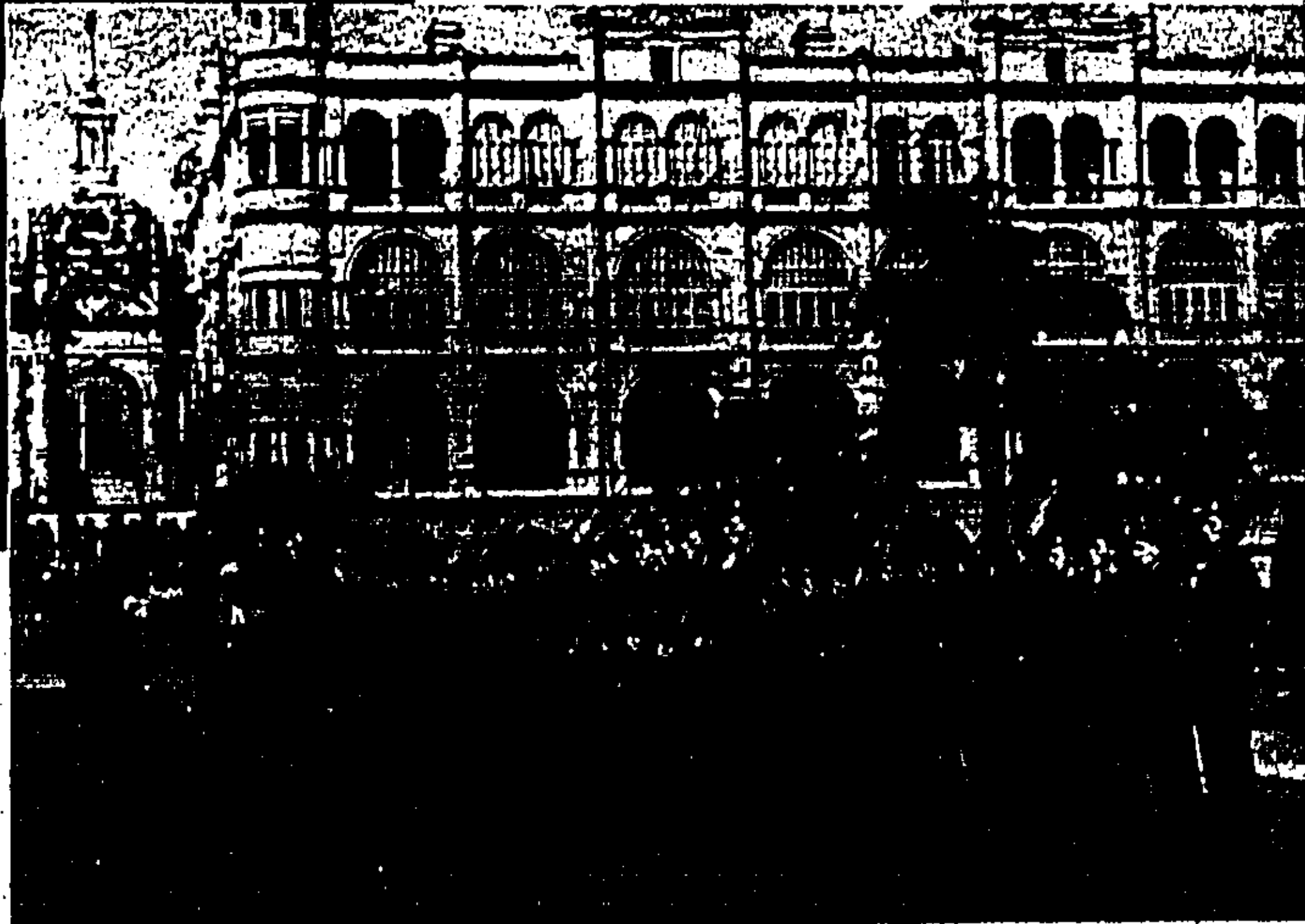
PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.





Investiture ceremonies of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, held on January 20 in Government House. ("China Mail" photo)

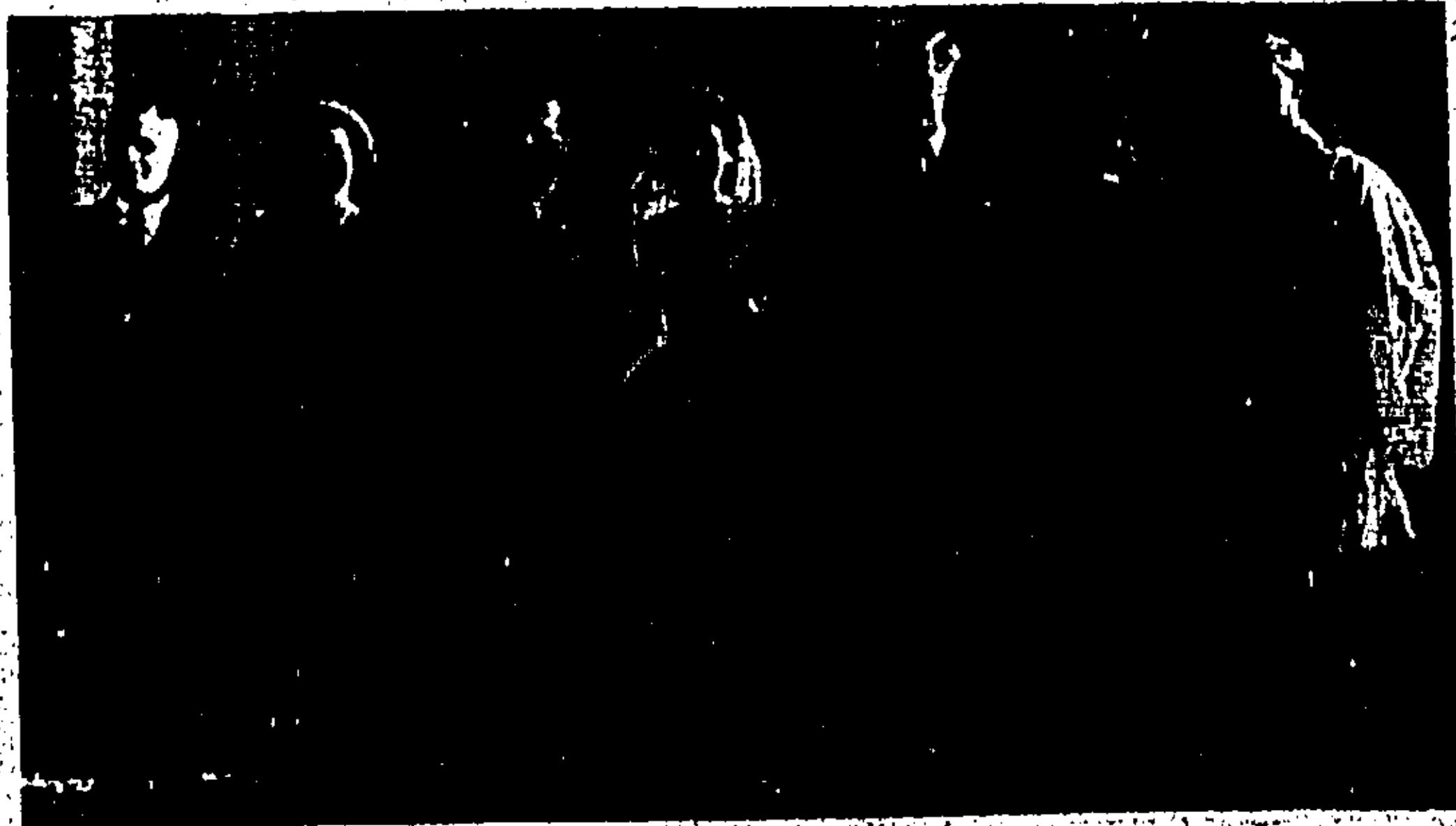
The Chief Justice inspects the Guards of Honour before the first Assizes of 1949. ("China Mail" photo)



Corps and Divisional Surgeons of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Kowloon District. (Mainland Studio)



The Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, attends services at St. John's Cathedral before opening the first Assizes of the year on January 18. ("China Mail" photo)



The happy bride and groom are Mr. R. P. Farrell and the former Miss Margaret Jean Summers, on January 19 at St. Andrew's Church. ("China Mail" photo)

Mr. Brian Dennis Wilson and his wife, the former Miss Margaret Shan Phillips, on January 18 at St. John's Cathedral. ("China Mail" photo)





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"CHOW"	Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow	29/30th Jan.
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CUSTOMS PASS BUS HOLD-UP

Story Of Arrest Told In Court

Five Portuguese youths, returning from a shooting trip, were responsible for the arrest of a man, alleged to be connected with the armed robbery on board a lorry-bus on the evening of December 5 last, after they had fired five shots at the fugitives.

The story of how they were brought into the case was narrated by Sebastian Esteves de Carvalho, Ernest Antonio, and Edward Carmo, at the committal proceedings, taken before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, against Li Kwok-on, aged 24.

Li is charged with armed robbery by two or more persons. Carvalho said that at 5.30 p.m. on the date in question they were walking down Military Road when they saw two Chinese men running up. One of the men had a gun in his hand.

On being asked what the matter was, one of the men said, "A robbery down the road." Thinking that these two were detectives, the party of five Portuguese youths let them pass. They then saw a crowd down the bottom of the hill and got suspicious. Antonio was sent down to investigate, and on being told by the driver, conductor and passengers that the two men were armed robbers, shouted the information to his friends.

Garcia immediately fired two shots at the fugitives, who were then 150 to 200 yards in front, and then handed the gun to Fred Hyndman and chased after the robbers.

Searched Buses

Hyndman, in turn, fired two shots at the escaping men. By this time the robbers were rounding a bend, whereupon Carmo fired a shot at them.

When the five Portuguese arrived at the bend one of the robbers had disappeared. On the suggestion of Antonio, the party retraced their steps and searched the bushes. They found accused lying about 10 yards down the bank.

On being pulled out from his hiding place, accused put up his hands hiding place, accused put up his hands and said, "The other fellow did it," concluded witness.

Leung Hung-chong, conductor of lorry-bus 5666, said that the

vehicle left Lung Kong Road terminus at 5.15 p.m. on December 5 last. He started to collect the fares from the passengers and, with the day's takings, had about \$65 in his money bag. He had also about 1,000 unused tickets.

While the bus was going along Customs Pass Road, near Military Road, he heard the sound of breaking glass. Looking up, he saw someone breaking a pane of glass in the driver's cabin. This man poked his gun through the aperture and fired a shot in the direction of the driver.

Chased Up Pass

The bus was stopped and the driver jumped out. The armed man pointed the gun at witness and the passengers and told them not to move. Accused, who was sitting at the rear of the bus, put his hand in his pocket as if to draw out something and said, "Don't move."

Witness said that he was then robbed of the money bag by accused who then got off the bus after the armed man. The money bag, said witness, was taken from accused by the armed man.

The two robbers then ran up Customs Pass Road, chased by a mechanic on the bus, himself and some of the passengers.

When accused was arrested by some Portuguese and brought before witness, Leung said, "That is the man, who took my money bag." Accused, denying the accusation, said, "Brother, do not wrongly identify me." At the police station, accused admitted that he was the man, said witness.

At the request of Detective Sub-Inspector P. L. Davies, further hearing was adjourned to February 3.

PRISON WARDERS ON MENACES CHARGE

"The case is of some considerable importance because it demonstrates that people in a position of control or influence over someone else have used that position to exploit the unfortunate and miserable situation of other people."

Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, made these remarks when opening the case for the Crown against three warders attached to Victoria Remand Prison and one ex-warder.

They were arraigned before Mr. Justice Wicks (Acting Additional Judge) and a jury at the Supreme Court yesterday. The accused, Timothy Din, Gussy Maria dos Santos, Saplo Ahmed and Jose Maria Din Azedo, who are being tried on 11 counts of demanding money with menaces, corruption in office and conspiracy, all pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Heenan said that the facts were somewhat complicated and a trifle difficult to follow. The incidents which gave rise to the indictment before the Court had their origin in the arrest of one Ho Luk master of the Ah Tung Electrical Shop of No. 181 Chungshawan Road, on August, on a charge of receiving stolen property and his subsequent detention in the Victoria Remand Prison, where he came under the control of the first three accused.

The allegations in the indictment included a count of conspiracy against all four accused, which is that the four of them used the official position of the first three accused in order to "steal" Ho Luk's family and "steal" Ho Luk's money. The conclusion of testimony by Ho Luk and Fung Yik, his wife, hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. today.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS
On Saturday, January 29, 1949, the General Post Office, Kowloon Central Post Office and other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed. There will be no delivery and no collection from pillar boxes.

On Sunday, January 30, 1949, there will be one delivery of Ordinary Correspondence only at 10 a.m.
On Monday, January 31, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to noon. The other Branch Post Offices will open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of Registered and Ordinary Correspondence and one collection only from pillar boxes at 10 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

Outward Mails

A surface mail to United Kingdom per "Hervene" will be closed as follows:
Thursday, January 27
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Ord. Noon
Kowloon GPO-Parcels 9.30 a.m. Reg. 11 a.m. Ord. 11.30 a.m.
This mail is expected to arrive in London on or about February 25, 1949.
Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail close before 10 a.m. Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day.
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Wednesday, January 26
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Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) Noon, (Ord.) 12.30 p.m.
Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking: Airmail for Amoy and Fuzhou, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Swatow: Airmail for Fuzhou, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
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Brisbane, 11 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m.
Straits, Hongkong and Calcutta, 3 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.
Thursday, January 27
Closing Times by Air
Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m. (Ord.) 11.30 a.m.
Airmail for Hongkong, Calcutta, Karachi, Lahore, Alexandria, (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria), Rome and London: Kowloon GPO (Reg.) 4 p.m. (Ord.) 4.30 p.m.; GPO (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.; Airmail for Hongkong, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Japan, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Airmail for Saigon and Paris, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m. (Ord.) 5 p.m.
Closing Times by Sea
Straits, Ceylon, India, Madagascar and Europe via London, (Parcels) 10 a.m. (Reg.) 11.30 a.m. (Ord.) Noon
Shanghai, 10 a.m.
Hongkong, 3 p.m.
Manila, 3 p.m.

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Beginning mid-February, the American President Lines will have three new, modern-designed C3 cargo vessels for its Far East trade routes.

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P & O COMMANDS

The Peninsular and Oriental Line announces changes in its fleet commands.

Mr. J. G. Mellonie has been appointed in command of the Strathnaver; Mr. H. S. Allan, RD, RNR, has resumed command of the Strathaird; and Mr. H. C. Forsyth, RD, RNR, has been appointed Staff Commander of the Himalaya.

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"CORFU"	26th May	11th June
"CANTON"	3rd June	18th June
"CORFU"	11th July	25th July

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"CANTON"	18th February	26th March
"CORFU"	26th March	3rd May
"CANTON"	3rd May	11th June
"CORFU"	11th June	18th June
"CANTON"	18th July	25th July

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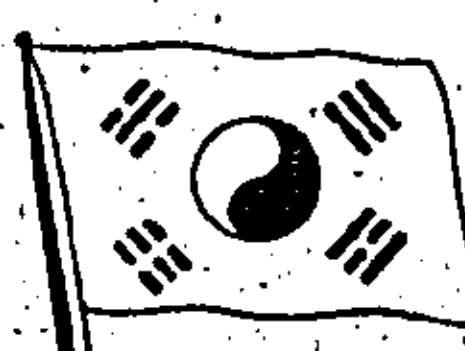
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Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"TJITJALENGKA"	from Shanghai 1st Feb	to Javaport 3rd March
"TJIBADAK"	In port	to Javaport 3rd March
"VAN HEUTSZ"	In port	to Swatow 3rd February
"TJISADANE"	from Macassar 4th Feb	to Javaport 17th Feb

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"HUYB"	In port	to South Africa 23rd February

Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"STRAAT SOENDA"	from South Africa 12th February	to South Africa 21st March
"BOISSEVAIN"	from South America 31st March	to South Africa 18th April
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	from South America 31st March	to South Africa 12th May

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Ship	Arrivals	Departures
"VAN RIEMSDIJK"	from B. Deli 28th Jan	to Straits 8th Feb
"VAN HEUTSZ"	In port	to Swatow, Amoy 4th February

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

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"MEERKERE"	from Japan 1st Feb	to Europe via Manila & Straits 2nd Feb
"RIJNKER"	from Europe 6th Feb	to S'hai, Japan via Keelung 8th Feb
"MELISKER"	from Europe Early March	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid. March
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m.v. "TONGHAI"	7th Feb.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DECLINE IN SOUTH AFRICA'S
STERLING BALANCE FEARED

London, January 25.

The "Investor Chronicle" market news, letter, said:
The decline in South Africa's sterling balance
has been accelerating as worried people have
withdrawn their money.The amount of hot money in South Africa is enough
for the remaining £28,000,000 to be exhausted
in a week or two and, doubtless, the return
up to January 14 will show a further serious
deterioration.Hong Kong
Stock
ExchangeInterest in the market continues
to improve led by Ewoas, Shang-H.K. GOVT. BONDS
4½% Loan (1934 & 1940) 100n.
4½% Loan (1934) 100½b.DANKIN
H.K. & S. Bank 1955b, 1970a, 1970a.
H.K. & S. Bank (London Reg.) £10b,
£100½b.Chartered Bank £12-1/10n.
Merrill Lynch A. & B. £24n.
Bank of East Asia 145b.INSURANCE
Canton Ins. 375n.

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Douglas 237n.

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H.K. & K. Wharves (O) 140n, 140n.

H.K. & K. Wharves (N) 135b.

North Point Wharves 7½n.

Sh. Hongkong Wharves 26n.

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China Dockers 100, 100½n.

Sh. Docks 11.10b, 11½n, 11.10/20

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(Actually it shows a slower
decline in the sterling balance
and some increase in gold hold-
ing).South Africa can ask Britain
at any time to repay in sterling
part or all of the £28,000,000
gold loan, so that an immediate
sterling crisis can be handled.

How Long?

But Londoners are asking how
long South Africa can avoid the
issue of devaluation. The Union's
economy is going downhill so fast
that only drastic action can
check it.Devaluation may well benefit
gold shares temporarily but it
can hardly mean a turn of the
tide for the gold industry un-
less there are other deflationary
reforms, although a financial
crisis may well lead to a change
of government.The devaluation of the South
African pound would reduce the
sterling value of gold-mining
dividends but the latest steep
fall has probably brought the
prices of developing mines down
to a point which hardly does
justice to their prospects.

Record Sales

Record diamond sales have
not benefited diamond shares,
which offer high yields of more
than 10 per cent. Investors fear
that gem sales are vulnerable if
the United States has a recession
but the diamond industry re-
mains confident that its per-
formance this year will be satis-
factory.The gem market is likely to
get considerable support from
the continuance of currency
difficulties and blackmarkets in
many countries, since the de-
mand for diamonds has been

Notice To Consignees

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Arrived at Hongkong
January 20, 1940A General Average has been
declared by the Owners of this
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Bond and pay one per cent de-
posit on the C.I.F. value of
their goods before delivery can
be effected from overseas or
from the Hongkong & Kowloon
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Any damaged packages will be
examined by our Surveyors.
Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke on
1st February 1940 at 10 a.m.
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unless notified within seven
days after completion of dis-
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Hongkong, January 26, 1940.

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Conversion Loan, 3½%, 1917/18	104½/16
Consolidated Loan, 4½%, 1900/70	114½
War Loan, 2½%, 1915	103½
War Loan, 5%	104
Victory Bonds, 4½%	110 and
INDUSTRIALS:	
British American Tobacco (of	52½/5
G.I. & Ireland)	45½/4
Imperial Chemical Indust. ord.	45½/4
Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.B.	52½/5
and Ireland)	52½/5
TEA SHARES:	
Assam Consolidated Tea	31½
Assam Frontier Tea	31½
Assam Tea Company	31½
Dooen Tea Company	31½
Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co.	31½
Imperial Tea Company	31½
MINE SHARES:	
Burma Corp.	6½
Crown Mines	12½/16
Norndroog Mines	12½
Rand Mines	4½
Spring Mines	7½/4
Sub Nickel	10½
Tatay Tin Co.	1½
Union Corporation	20½/4
Oil, SHARES:	
Royal Dutch Co.	32½
Shell Transport & Trading Co.	3½
SHIPPING:	
J. & O. Steam Navl. Co. ord. 5½/7½	
GLTDEG:	
Pending Loan, 3½%	104½
National War Bonds, 2½%	104½
1919/20	100-0/16
1922/24	102½ and
1924/26	102½ and
1926/28	102½ and
Savings Bonds, 5%	102½ and
1926/28	102½ and
1928/30	102½ and
1930/32	102½ and
1932/34	102½ and
1934/36	102½ and
1936/38	102½ and
1938/40	102½ and
FOREIGN BONDS:	
German Loan (Dawson) 7½%	7½
Japanese 5%, 1907/18	23½
Japanese 5%, 1914/18	23½
Jap. S. Manchurian Ry. 6½%, 1923	13½
BANKS:	
Chartered Bank of I. & A. £12-1/16	
Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank 10½	
Merrill Lynch Bank of India, £12-1/16	
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS:	
Tientsin-Pukow Railway, 6½%	9
Long-Tsai-Hai Ry., 6½%, 1913	9
Beihai Ry., 6½%, 1913	9
Crisp Loan, 5½%, 1913	14
Hukang Railway, 6½%, 1911	9
Honan Railway, 6½%, 1908	9
Shanghai Banking Ry., 6½%	9
Kowloon Canton Railway, 6½%	9
Sterling Bonds	11

The demand for industrial
diamonds is likely to expand as
diamond tools are required for
worldwide exploration of mineral
resources.
Meanwhile, the industry has
no stocks and the satisfaction of
demand on a hand to mouth basis
is expected to continue for
several years yet.De Beers' preparations to re-
open the Premier and Wager-
fonten mines imply confidence
in outlook. De Beers also has
substantial interests outside dia-
monds in De Beers Industrial
Corporation. The industry's out-
look and strong organisation,
coverage of dividends by earn-
ings and the likelihood that
dividends will be held, make the
present yields on diamond shares
attractive. People may take a
better view of diamond shares
as they have been doing of air-
crafts.—Reuter.

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Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown,
where it will be at Consignees'
risk and subject to the Wharf's
terms and conditions of storage,
and where delivery may be
obtained.Damaged packages are to be
left in the Godowns for exami-
nation by Consignees and the
Company's surveyors, Messrs.
Carmichael & Clarke, at 10
a.m. on January 28th, 1940.To comply with the General
Bonded Warehouse Regulations
Consignees must have a Re-
venue Officer in attendance
when damaged dutiable goods
are examined.No claims will be admitted,
after the goods have left the
steamer's godowns, and all
goods remaining undelivered
after January 30th, 1940, will
be subject to rent.All claims against the steam-
er must be presented to the
undersigned on or before 20th
February, 1940, or they will not
be recognised.No Fire Insurance will be
effected.

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(CHINA) LTD.,
Agents,
Ben Line Steamers Ltd.

Hong Kong, January 24, 1940.

Calcutta, January 24.

An Indian barter agreement
with Russia has been tentatively
agreed upon. The agreement, which
covers the current year, is said to
call for 100,000 tons of Indian tea
for 100,000 tons of Russian wheat.
—Reuter.Singapore, January 25.
Rubber production in 1939 for
Malaya totalled 696,978 tons com-
pared with 645,220 tons in the
previous year. The year's yield
increased despite six months of
Communist guerrilla warfare
against plantations of the Federa-
tion.—Associated Press.

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goods remaining undelivered
after the 28th January will be
subject to rent.All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the under-
signed on or before the 4th
February 1940 or they will not
be recognised.No Fire Insurance will be
effected.

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Agents,
Hongkong, January 21, 1940.AMERICAN
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"General Gordon" (via Shanghai & Japan)	Feb.
"President Cleveland" (via Shanghai & Japan)	Feb.
"General Meier" (via Manila)	Feb.

TO SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES
via SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"President Pierce"	Feb.
"President McKinley"	Feb.
"President Taft"	Mar.

TO NEW YORK, BALTIMORE & BOSTON
VIA PANAMA

"Mankato Victory" (calls Pacific Coast)	Feb.
"President Fillmore" (calls Pacific Coast)	Mar.

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VIA MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, KARACHI, SUEZ, PORT SAID, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, GENOA, NAPLES, NEW YORK AND BOSTON	
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"Marine Snapper" (omits Manila)	Feb.
"President Folk"	Feb.
"Mount Davis"	Feb.
"Mount Mansfield"	Mar.

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Other Atlantic Ports via Panama

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"PIONEER LAKE"	Feb. 1
"PIONEER COVE"	Feb. 10

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船輪江香

H.K. DEPARTURE:

10 p.m. 27/1/1949
10 p.m. 29/1/1949
10 p.m. 31/1/1949
10 p.m. 3/2/1949

CANTON DEPARTURE:

0 p.m. 28/1/1949
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0 p.m. 30/1/1949
0 p.m. 1/2/1949

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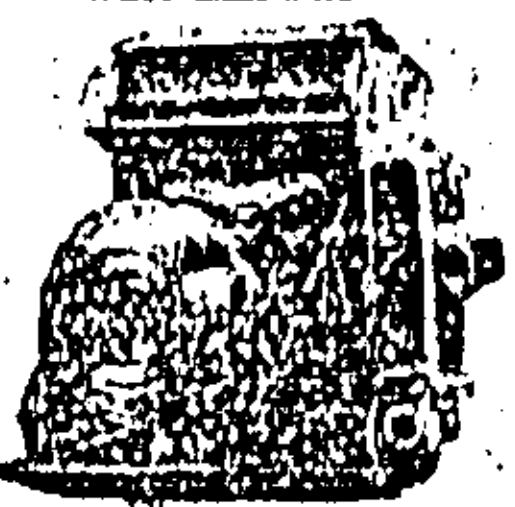
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Transvaal Tail Wags At Jo'burg

Johannesburg, January 24. The return match between the MCC and Transvaal ended in a draw today after the latter had gained a lead on the first innings.

Helped by some enterprising tail-batting, Transvaal scored 254 in reply to the M.C.C. first innings of 244 for nine declared. In the 45 minutes remaining for play, the tourists made 40 runs for no wicket in their second innings.

Transvaal's batting collapsed during the afternoon, when Bader and Pretorius, with the new ball, took four wickets for two runs and Young and Wright later got three more in the space of three runs.

Earlier, Bruce Mitchell had made 60, including five fours, in three and a half hours. Some free hitting by the last wicket pair, Henney and Melle, put on 72 runs in 50 minutes and gave Transvaal a first innings lead.—Reuter.

"TA KUNG PAO" AGAIN LOSE

Manila, January 25. Shanghai's "Ta Kung Pao" basketball quintet on Sunday suffered their second defeat when Manila Glants whipped them 57-49. The visitors led in the first quarter by 9-8 but the Glants led at the end of the second quarter by 12-11.

"Ta Kung Pao" again seized the lead at the end of the third quarter, 23-21, but the local boys finished in whirlwind fashion.—United Press.

CANTOR WINS

London, January 25. Solly Cantor of Patterson, New Jersey, won an eight round decision yesterday over Tommy McGovern of England.

McGovern weighed 135-1/4 pounds, Cantor 135-1/2.—Associated Press.



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An inspired piece of captaincy on the part of L. D. Kilbo, skipper of Club "Optimists," gave the Chater Road team victory over Indian Recreation Club in the last minute of their game (on Club ground) last Saturday.

Set to make 135 to win, Indians were in a sorry plight until A. H. Baker, brought into the side from the Second XI at the last moment, went in to play about the best innings of his career.

With the IRC total just over the 100, the last over was called and it seemed almost certain that the game would end in a draw when Kilbo brought McLeellan on in place of Rowe. Baker shaped with great confidence against this bowler as he had done against all others, but with only three balls to go he made the mistake of playing half-heartedly at a good length ball pitched on the middle-and-leg stumps and cocked up an easy catch to Wood at forward short-leg.

This mistake, fatal though it proved to be, does not detract from the value of the innings he played. The IRC second eleven skipper showed his team mates that the Club bowling could be hit—if only they went the right way about it.

Honours in this match were shared between Baker (for IRC) and McLeellan ("Optimists") who shortly afterwards went to take five wickets for 21 runs. He sent down 9.4 overs and though he kept a good length most of the time, there were occasions when he did send down a loose one—and there was, nobody but Baker who took advantage of this.

Mahon's Bumpers

Mahon was bumping too much to be dangerous and if the rest of the batsmen had not been too timid to play him like Baker did, a different tale might have been told.

Recreio suffered a set-back in their quest for championship honours when they were held to a draw by the University after putting up 160 for two declared. The Gosano clan, with Albert Pratt, were responsible for this total, "L.C." scoring 39 while Gerry and Eddie were not out for 62 and 10 respectively. Pratt's contribution was a well-played 56.

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Olympic Champion Leaves

After a short stay here, a former Olympic track champion left Hong Kong yesterday.

He is William "Bill" Carr, American holder of the Olympic 400 metres dash record, which he established at the Los Angeles Games in 1932.

Mr. Carr returned to Shanghai yesterday by CNAE plane. He arrived here on January 15 on business for the Insurance Company of North America.

His Olympic record for the 400 metres, 46.2 seconds, still stands today despite the onslaughts of the world's greatest athletes in the last two Olympiads. It was tied by the giant Jamaican negro, Arthur Whitt, who won that event at the London Games last summer.

A true sportsman, Mr. Carr, congratulated Whitt as soon as he learned that the latter had tied the 17-year-old Olympic record.

Sporting Gesture

In a brief interview with the "China Mail" shortly before he left, Mr. Carr said that he hoped to coach China's athletes for the next Olympiad.

He disclosed that he had offered to coach the Chinese Olympic athletes last year but the Chinese athletic officials had not accepted his offer.

"Bill" Carr's time for the 400 metres was also a world record for seven years until the German, Rudolf Harbig, broke it by running the distance in 46 seconds flat at Frankfurt in 1939. Harbig's record was tied by the American, Grover Klepper, at Philadelphia in 1941.

In his prime "Bill" Carr ran against the world's greatest middle-distance sprinters, including his countryman, the negro Ben Eastman, and Britain's Humphson. As track athletes go, he is rather short, being only five feet seven.

HOME RUGGER

London, January 25. In a Rugby Union game today, Neath defeated London Hospital by 24 points to nil.—Reuter.

HK-Macao Yacht Race On Saturday

The annual yacht race from Hong Kong to Macao will be held on the morning of Saturday, January 29.

The start of the race will be at 7 a.m. The starting line will be the transit of two flags set up on poles on Murray Pier. Yachts must pass inside the club boat which will be anchored off the pier, but will not necessarily be exactly on the starting line.

A blank round from a rifle will be fired at 6.50 a.m. and another at 6.55 a.m. At 6.56, 6.57, 6.58 and 6.59 a.m. a flag on a pole will be dropped. The starting gun will be fired at 7 a.m. It has been decided that the starting time should not be later than 7 a.m. as it is most important to get the boats into Macao before sunset. (This also applies to the starting line being Murray Pier as opposed to the Yacht Club).

The finishing line will be a transit on the two main beacons at the entrance to the outer channel at Macao. To confine this line a white buoy will be placed about 150 yards to the South-West of these beacons. It must be noted that the entrance to the channel is one which leaves both beacons to starboard.

Having passed the finishing line, boats will come under the orders of the Harbour Master or Water Police with regard to berthing. It is understood, however, that the boats will be moored "line ahead" from the Pedro Nunes.

Sixteen yachts have entered for this race.

Dinghy Races

Nearly half the races in the Dinghy Team Championship have now been sailed and the teams at present stand as follows—

Team	Points	Rank
5th Cruiser Squadron	80	7
Jardines	67	8
Inland Revenue	60	5
International	57	6
Lowie, Bingham & Matthews	55	3
HK Government	51	9
Always	49	5
Swiss Navy	45	5
Cables	41	4
Royal Naval HQ	40	4
Talkoo	38	5

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Von Nida To Take A Rest

Manila, January 24. Norman von Nida, Australian professional, who has been into third place in the Philippines Open here, told Reuter that he is through with tournament golf for at least three months.

"I need a rest," he added. Von Nida leaves here for Australia on Thursday morning.—Reuter.

Pre-Occupation Land Sale Case

(Continued from Page 3) negotiated a contract culminating in an attempt on January 6, 1942, the date fixed for completion.

"Finally on that day, they went to Messrs. Tso and Hodgson's office (the place fixed for completion), prepared to complete and pay the balance of the purchase money which they had with them, but they were told by the solicitor's clerk that this was impossible because the assignments had not come back and Messrs. Hastings & Company's office was deserted on that day.

"The plaintiffs made no attempt to get in direct touch with any representative of the company and explained this by saying that they did not know the representative of the company who had intervened in the matter.

"Equally, no representative of the company made any attempt to get in touch with the plaintiffs or to attend at the place of completion.

"The plaintiffs (or their solicitors) remained in possession of the title deeds.

"The Hong Kong representative of the defendant company remained in Hong Kong and the company's office in Hong Kong continued to function throughout the occupation.

"After the return of the plaintiffs to Hong Kong at the end of the occupation they contacted Messrs. Tso & Hodgson and through them, pressed the defendant company to complete the contract.

"The evidence, which is not acceptable to me, is the evidence of the representative of the company that he always regarded the agreement as at an end after January 6, 1942. I say this because the company left the title deeds of the property in possession of the plaintiffs, although their representative was in Hong Kong throughout the occupation and the plaintiffs' solicitors' office remained open, without any attempt to regain possession of them and because, in fact, the company made no attempt to repudiate the agreement until June 2, 1947. I think the company was obviously prepared to sit on the fence."

No Evidence Of Conditions

After dealing with the terms of the agreement and the submissions put forward by Counsel, Sir Leslie Gibson said:

"I have no evidence of the actual conditions created by the Japanese invasion in Malaya or of its legal consequences in Malaya. As to Hong Kong itself, there is evidence of considerable confusion following the invasion, but I have no evidence of the effect of the invasion on postal service—either internal or between Malaya or Hong Kong.

"I am not prepared to infer from the evidence that the assignments could not have been returned from Kuala Lumpur in time.

"For these reasons, I think the plaintiffs are entitled to specific performance of the agreement and to costs of this action."

NATIVE VOTE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Capetown, January 25. Dr. Daniel Malan, South African Prime Minister, today announced that the Government's legal advisers believe that Parliament may by a bare majority vote, remove coloured voters from the joint voters' rolls and abolish native representation.

In a League fixture of the same Division played yesterday, University beat KCC by eight games to one.

Full scores are: H.T. Heath and T.B. Teoh beat W. Gillis and S. Saul 21-6; beat Anderson and Fisher 21-7; beat Stokes and Brookbank 21-9.

Y.C. Poo and S.A. Vanshoest beat W. Gillis and S. Saul 20-24; beat Anderson and Fisher 21-4; beat Stokes and Brookbank 21-6.

Other games—Senior Mixed Doubles Division, KCC beat University 5-4.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

Men's 20 Double Division, University vs. St. Teresa's. 7.45. Women's 20 Double Division, University vs. St. Teresa's. 7.45. Football, Tso vs. R.A.F.

REPORT OF LYNKEY TRIBUNAL FINDINGS

London, January 25.

Mr. John Belcher, ex-junior Minister in the Board of Trade, helped businessmen in return for gifts, according to the eagerly-awaited report of the Lynkey Tribunal probing alleged corruption in Government circles, issued tonight.

The Tribunal also found that Mr. George Gibson, former Director of the Bank of England and a former trade union chief, had aided attempts to get Treasury permission for a public issue of shares in the hope of material advantage to himself.

Among eight other Members of Parliament and public servants cleared of suggestions of graft were the Minister of Works, Mr. Charles Key, and the Cabinet Minister, Mr. Hugh Dalton, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Tribunal foreshadowed a prosecution concerning a Government department.

Mr. John Belcher, who resigned as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade during the dramatic hearings last month, accepted "benefactions" from a key witness, Sydney Stanley, a Statesman, but there was "no reliable evidence" of allegations that large sums of money had been paid out to men in Government departments, the report said.

Stanley was described as "a man who will make any statement, whether true or untrue, if he thinks that it is to his own advantage."

The report found that Mr. Belcher took gifts of wine and spirits from Sir Maurice Bloch, a Glasgow whisky distiller, and his return for these gifts intervened in the grant of licences to import sherry casks.

The report of the Tribunal, named after its Chairman, Mr. Justice Lynkey, will be debated by Parliament but probably not before next week.

Stanley had tried by hospitality and gifts to put Mr. Key under an obligation to help him to introduce him to show favour to him and his associates. But the report said, the Tribunal was satisfied that he had not succeeded in this purpose.

Mr. Belcher

The Tribunal summarised as follows its findings against Mr. John Belcher, 43-year-old ex-railway clerk and family man who became Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

"The case of Mr. J. Matchan, (a cosmetic manufacturer), although his gifts and hospitality were received by Mr. and Mrs. Belcher from Mr. Matchan, these were not made or received as a consideration in connection with any licence or permission but were made and received out of friendship."

The case of Mr. Robert William Liveridge (general manager of a trading company who was alleged to have sought Mr. Belcher's help to get an export licence for 20 million cement bags). "No consideration was sought, offered, promised, made or received by or to Mr. Belcher from or by Mr. Liveridge, and there was no justification for any allegations in this case."

In the case of Sir Maurice Bloch, the Glasgow whisky distiller, "we are satisfied that Sir Maurice Bloch's present of wine and spirits has been made to Mr. Belcher to secure favourable and expeditious treatment of his application for a licence to import sherry casks, and that Mr. Belcher received these gifts knowing the purpose for which they were made, and in return for these gifts intervened to secure the grant of licences to import sherry casks."

The case of Stanley: "We are satisfied that Mr. Stanley paid for Mr. and Mrs. Belcher's stay at Margate (during the Labour Party Conference) in May, 1947, for one week and made Mr. Belcher a present of a gold cigarette case and a suit of clothes."

For Favours

"Mr. Stanley entertained him at a dog race meeting and boxing matches."

"Mr. Stanley at his flat offered continuous hospitality to Mr. Belcher from the time the first meeting on April 23, 1947, to August 6, 1948."

"These benefactions were made by Mr. Stanley for the purpose of securing expeditious and favourable consideration by the Board of Trade or other Ministries of any application made by any person whom he might introduce to Mr. Belcher and to secure the latter's assistance for these persons."

"Mr. Belcher accepted these benefactions knowing the purpose for which they were made, and as a result thereof he gave Mr. Stanley free access to him in his private office and met any persons Mr. Stanley might desire to introduce to him either in his private office, the House of Commons or in Mr. Stanley's flat."

"It was because of these benefactions and the obligations which

he thought he owed to Mr. Stanley that Mr. Belcher assisted Mr. R.J. Pritchard and Mr. R.R. Curtis (building licence cases)."

"It was also because of these benefactions that Mr. Belcher decided upon the withdrawal of the prosecution of Sherman Pools Ltd. (the prosecution referred to by the prosecution of Trade against Britain's third biggest football competition concern for an infringement of the paper regulations.)"

Not Satisfied

"We, however, are not satisfied that Mr. Stanley sought or received any assistance from Mr. Belcher in the Berkeley case (concerning a building licence for a block of offices) or the case relating to amusement machinery."

"We are not satisfied that Mr. Belcher received the sum of £5,000 or any other sum in respect of his decision to withdraw the Sherman Pools prosecution or that he received the sums of £50 or any other sum a week from Mr. Stanley or that Mr. Belcher ever received any money from Mr. Stanley."

"There is no reliable evidence that Mr. Belcher received any sums of money in respect of any of the transactions which we have investigated or indeed in respect of any transactions."

Of George Gibson, who resigned recently as a Bank of England director, the report said:

"We are satisfied that Mr. Gibson was not satisfied that Mr. Stanley the chairman of the proposed new company, M. Jones (Manchester) 1948 Ltd., as a consideration to induce Mr. Gibson as a public servant to assist in obtaining from the Treasury upon the recommendation of the Capital Issues Committee permission for a public issue of the shares of the new company, and that Mr. Gibson realised the reason for this offer."

"Although for other reasons he refused the offer, Mr. Gibson continued to assist Mr. Stanley in his efforts to secure this permission for a public issue and to assist in any other action in which Mr. Stanley sought his help."

Coming to the relations between the Minister of Works, Mr. Charles Key—a former school teacher—and Mr. Gordon Shiner, chief of a firm of civil engineers and contractors, the Tribunal was satisfied that there was no longstanding friendship between the two and any gifts or hospitality

given were the result of that friendship.

About Mr. Key's friendship with Mr. Stanley, the Tribunal said any gifts the Minister may have received from Stanley were in no connection with any applications which might be made to him or the Ministry of Works. Mr. Key's official actions were not influenced in any way.

The Tribunal found there was no foundation for allegations or suggestions about these Ministers and public servants.

Mr. Glenvil Hall, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury.

Sir John Woods, a chief civil servant at the Board of Trade.

Sir Frank Soskice, the Solicitor General.

Sir Hugh Dalton, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr. Harold James Gray, Mr. James Richard Cross and Mr. Gerald Lionel Pearson, civil servants.—Reuter.

SQUATTERS' CAMPS TO BE SET UP

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The plan evolved by the Squatter Committee is definite. Since the most dangerous squatter settlements are in the centre of the city, the nuisances caused by them can affect the health of the crowded tenements, and where they constitute a definite fire danger, as has only too plainly been demonstrated, these are to be cleared first.

There is far less objection to squatter colonies on the hillside away from the built-up areas. Action is only taken where a definite danger exists, either to health, from fire, or to the lives of the squatters themselves.

Several areas, including a part of Bridges Street (where a dangerous retaining wall threatened the lives of squatters), Morrison Hill (where there existed some hazard to life and limb from the blustering winds from the squatters' operations) and Mount Parish (where squatters were causing a serious fly nuisance just opposite the new Tuberculosis Sanatorium) have been cleared already.

Other squatters in the Bridges Street area, a group of roof squatters in Wanchai, and a group in Kowloon, however, their structures will have to be forcibly removed in the near future, concluded the statement.

MP's Remarks On Defence Of HK

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At the same time we cannot allow the situation to drift. The world cannot go on bearing the financial strain involved, and if something is not done, the situation can only worsen.

There are therefore, he said, only two alternatives. We are already waging a cold war. Either we have to win this cold war, or we shall have to change over to a hot war.

Turning to the Communist penetration into Asia, and the latest developments in the China situation, Captain Gamman said, he was unable to express any views as he was still studying the situation.

"People in England are more pessimistic that you here over the possible outcome of the change," he said. "We cannot forget that Poland and Czechoslovakia, though violently anti-Russian, are now under the Russian fold, have become dominated by less than 10 per cent of population."

Democratic Reaction

What the democratic reaction to the China change will be has yet to be seen. The United States policy has not yet been determined and, he said, will play an important role.

"As for the British attitude," said Captain Gamman, "I can tell you that we are determined to

defend Hong Kong against any form of aggression. This represents the views of all parties in the House of Commons."

Captain Gamman mentioned that Mr. Cresswell Jones had said in a recent statement that the status of Hong Kong was not to be disturbed either from within or from without.

"The speaker was thanked by Past District Governor Dr. C. T. Yang, who said Rotary stood for world peace through good fellowship and goodwill. If that peace was disturbed, that disturbance must be stopped. He expressed the hope that this peace would be attained by the winning of the cold war. The real force for peace is goodwill," said Dr. Wang.

President D. S. Hill, took the sheep again yesterday after a successful operation to his eye, and was accompanied by a rousing welcome.

Visiting Rationiers, Messrs. Percy Kwok, J. Muckle, Howard Kadorie, A. H. Gordon and Dr. C. T. Wang from Shanghai, Mr. McNeice from Singapore, and Mr. Samuel K. Szabo from Manila, were guests present were Messrs. Kan Tung-po, P. J. Alexander, T. W. J. Skidell, I. Sullivan, J. G. O'Donnell, E. P. Mackay, A. D. Hasdecker, H. H. Cleland, F. H. Loo, W. W. Lo, Paul Bragg, Fred K. Kimmitt, and J. D. Dabbs.